All hijacked passengers released

ROME (R) — All 91 passengers and six crew members on board a Duich plane hijacked to Rome were released unharmed oo Wednesday, Italian plane mjacace Calogero Mannino said. Mr. Mannino tolo reported to the Transport Minister Calogero Mannino said. Mr. Mannino tolo reported to at Rome's Fiumicino airport: "All passengers and crew have been released after brief but intense negotiations." Mr. Mannino said police tolor the Dutch hijacker, who was 17 years old. Mr. Mannino said by the Dutch hijacker, who was 17 years old. Mr. Mannino said by there were 91 passengers and six crew aboard the Boeing 737 owned by the Druch national airline KLM. He told Reuters the youth, a Dutch boy of Italian origin, had asked for \$1 million, an air ticker to New York, and a hotel room in the American city. The minister said he was now being questioned by police. Relieved passengers entered the main airport lounge smiling and joking after their release. All were unharmed. One Italian man, who declined to be named, told reporters the youth had a clock which he pretended was a timer for a bomb. 'I think he was mad.'

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Happy Christmas

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'avez returns

MMAN (Petra) - Lower ouse of Parliament Speaker kef Al Fayez returned from the . S. on Wednesday after undering a successful surgery there. Ir. Fayez was received upon rival by a number of members the Upper and Lower houses Parliament, tribal leaders and enitaries.

'abat awaits esponse to OIC move

At the last ABAT (R) — Six countries and e Palestine Liberation Orgasation (PLO) have agreed to tend a special Islamic meeting lled by Morocco's King Hassan discuss the Palestinian uprising the Israeli-occupied territories. ie official news agency MAP id Jordan, Mauritania, Senegal ger, Bangladesh and the PLO ould attend the foreign minis--rs meeting of the Organisation rusalem Committee in Moroc- next week. Diplomatic sources d Pakistan had also agreed to end. Replies were awaited m the other committee memrs — Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Recording Lebanon, Indonesia, Lebanon, ria and Iran.

haraa ends sit to Iran

COSIA (AP) - Syrian Foret Tehran on Wednesday after na and Iran issued a statement support for Palestinians in the aeli-occupied territories. In the nt statement, the two countries pressed "their complete and -round support for Palestinian hters in their struggle against 2 Zionist regime," Tehran tio reported. Earlier, Iran's icial Islamic Republic News gency (IRNA) reported that . Sharaa met with President i Khamenei and handed him a ter from President Hafez Al sad of Syria.

AE leader gives m to Palestinians

3U DHABI (R) — The official irates news agency WAM said ednesday UAE President eikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al hayan had donated \$1 million support of the Palestinian uping in the occupied territories. heikh Zayed's donation illustes the UAE's sympathy and idarity with the struggle and adfastness of the Palestinian ople," WAM said.

Syrians killed west Beirut

as drass IRUT (R) — Gunmen shot 3d two Syrian soldiers in west irut on Wednesday, police d in a fresh blow to Syria's litary presence in Lebanon. A kesman said the gunmen kilthe soldiers with pistols equipd with silencers and then mped the bodies in the busy miche Al Mazraa residential ghbourhood. Syrian officials used to comment. Witnesses d Syrian troops with automatic es rushed to the area, sealed streets and set up checkpoints a hunt for the killers.

)yuz craft icks with Mir

DSCOW (AP) — Three Soviet anonauts on Wednesday pied their Soyuz TM-4 capsule o the Mir space station to work h two space comrades for a ek, then replace the senior w holding the world record for ice endurance. The TASS *S agency said the Soyuz TM-1 Isule under the command of adimir Titov docked with the r station at 1251 GMT.

Their Majesties return home after 3-day state visit to Soviet Union

King voices total satisfaction with outcome of talks with Gromyko and Gorbachev and confidence that Moscow will seek end to Gulf war

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

THEIR MAJESTIES King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home Wednesday after a three-day state visit to the Soviet Union.

During the visit, the King held two rounds of talks with Soviet President Andrei Gromyko and met for three hours with Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev

(See story on right).
The King's talks with the Soviet leaders covered bilateral relations and international issues. with special focus on the Middle East situation and the seven-yearold Iran-Iraq war.

At a press conference before his departure. King Hussein praised the Soviet attitude towards bringing about a ceasefire in the Gulf war as very construc-

"I believe the Soviet attitude has been very constructive so far. and will always be constructive in times ahead." he said.

The King said he had discussed bilateral relations and international issues with President Gromyko and Mr. Gorbachev.

The Arab World shared a common view with the Soviet Union over developments in the Middle East and the Gulf, King Hussein

The Soviet Union had agreed on the need for measures to bring about the implementation of U.N. Resolution 598 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, he said.

the Soviet Union was now ready to press for an arms embargo against Iran in order to bring pressure on it to accept a cease-fire, the King said only that the most urgent task was to end the

On Tuesday, Mr. Gorbachev indicated during talks with the King that Moscow could be ready to consider an embargo, saying that the Soviet Union "is not against examining this question in the U.N. Security Council."

Previously, the Soviet Union had refused to consider an arms embargo until foreign warships are withdrawn from the Gulf and replaced by an international

King Hussein said the problem of foreign ships in the Gulf would be resolved by the ending of the war."

In reply to a question, the King said efforts should be made to

Asked whether this meant that remove all tension and reducing armaments in the world at large. He said that the Middle East was an important region linking the continents and abound with natural resources needed by nations. Therefore, he said, this region should be made to live in peace.

The results of the talks with the Soviet leadership, the King said, will be conveyed to all Arab

In reply to another question, the King said that Israel was a nuclear power but todate it had not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, "but I cannot discuss all the details about the talks with the Soviet leaders."

The King and Queen were accompanied on the visit by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem. Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Armed Forced Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid

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Islamic Conference (OIC) Israel begins mass arrests, announces other strong-arm action over protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM reports of more than 350 arrests the cabinet's 10-man security arrested hundreds of Palestinians total number of detainees to villages in the West Bank and Gaza on Wednesday in a bid to break one of the most violent years ago.

Defying U.S. and U.N. protests against excessive measures, the Israeli defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, said the army was ordered to "shoot to hit" the leaders of demonstrations gone out of control and to expel or imprison ringleaders without

Despite the strong-arm measures, stone-throwing and tyreburning incidents were reported. But Palestinian and Israeli military sources reported no major clashes.

Reporting to parliament, Rabin said 21 Palestinians had been killed and 158 wounded in the clashes. He said 31 Israeli soldiers and 19 others were

The Palestine Press Service, which monitors events in the West Bank and Gaza, put the number of Arab dead at 25.

in a sweep through towns and 1,770. It said its figures were compiled from the families of

Palestinians said Israeli forces waves of anti-Israeli protests swept into the villages after midsince the areas were occupied 20 night to round up suspects at an hour when resistance is minimal. As daylight broke, soldiers pat-

rolled the major West Bank cities on foot and in jeeps, including in Bethlehem where Mayor Elias' Freij said some pilgrims had can-celled hotel bookings to celebrate Christmas at the traditional site of Christ's birth.

Newspapers reported that Israel was building two detention centres, apparently like the tent cities which housed thousands of prisoners during Israel's war in Lebanon.

The Itim news agency said one detention camp was opened Wednesday near Hebron. Under emergency regulations

adapted from the British rule of Palestine, the military may hold security suspects for up to six months without trial in "administrative detention." The detention order can thereafter be extended by a court.

(Agencies). — Israeli, soldiers in the last two days, bringing the committee and won an endorsement from the prime minister. Yitzhak Shamir, on their "ironfist" measures.

> Ezer Weizman, who has urged away the debris. A commercial the army to disengage from trou- strike remained in force except in ble spots such as refugee camps to avoid bloodshed, demanded a debate on the policy. It was scheduled for Thursday, Israel Radio

The daily Hadashot newspaper said dozens of arrests were made overnight and that soldiers raided homes in the Gaza towns of Rafah, Khan Younis and Gaza City. An Arab reporter in Gaza said a large number of arrests were made there overnight.

Government grade schools have been closed until next Sunday, keeping home 280,000 from 800 schools in the West Bank and 70,000 in 92 schools in the Gaza

The army also closed two teachers colleges, one community college and a technical school in the West Bank for a period of one

Tyre-burning and stone throw-

ing was reported in the west Bank and Gaza Strip but the level of

In Gaza City, witnesses said-demonstrators burned two cars on Omar Al Mukhtar street, the main shopping centre. Soldiers But a former defence minister, ordered Arab motorists to clear areas where the army forced open

Al Quds, the largest Arabiclanguage newspaper in Jerusalem, was barred from distribution in the West Bank and Gaza, although it may be sold in Arab Jerusalem.

The idea, which has been propings told Reuters.

sed is a government-in-exile which, at the right moment, would declare the establishment of an independent state in the occupied territories," Jamil Helal. spokesman for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said.

in continuous session over the Gaza Strip. It met late into the night on

ment-in-exile.

Mitterrand: No Gulf withdrawal

The compromise adopted still was objectionable in some wavs Force 623, would remain in the region. Mr. Mitterrand left Djibouti for Egypt where he will Council resolutions on the spend Christmas day.

Spirit of candour and understanding characterise Jordanian-Soviet talks

King Hussein held talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at the Kremlio oo Tuesday and the Soviet news agency TASS said the talks were marked by the spirit of candour and mutual understanding on issues of Soviet-Jordaniao relations and topical ioternational problems.

Following was the TASS re-port over the King's talks with Mr. Gorhachev, secretarygeneral of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mikhail Gorbachev mel io the Kremlin today with King Hussein Ibn Talal of Jordan. They held a substantive exchange of views, marked by the spirit of candour and mutual understanding, on issues of Soviet-Jordanian relations and topical international problems.

Greeting the visitor. Mr. Gorbachev said that the Soviet Union valued relations with Jordan and appreciated the Kiog's efforts lo promoting cooperatioo betweeo the two countries. Soviet-Jordanian relations were successfully de-

veloping in various areas. King Hussein said that Jordan took pride in relations with the Soviet Union which were based on mutual understanding, trust and confidence in each other. He emphasised that

Soviet Union evoked immense interest in Arah, in non-aligned countries. Great hopes for improvement in the international situation and a better future for all of mankind were being pinned on Soviet foreign policy initiztives.

The Jordanian head of state highly praised in this connection the Soviet-American accords reached in Washington, and expressed the hope that they would have a positive effect on the settlement of regional conflicts which posed a serious potential threat to peace and security.

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Crown Prince: U.N. approval of NIHO is a tribute to Jordan

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The adoption by the General Assembly of a Jordanian-sponsored resolution proposing the establishment of a New International Humanitarian Order (NIHO) is a matter of pride for Jordan and emphasised the leading role the Kingdom plays in international humanitarian affairs, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Wednesday.

The Crown Prince said the resolution, which was approved by the General Assembly earlier this month, was the most substantive of a series which began some years ago and that he "did not expect the matter to assume the importance it has.'

"This year's resolution is related to the final report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues (ICIHI) which itself came into being as a result of the proposal I made," said the Crown Prince in an interview with the Jordan

The Crown Prince also paid tribute to the support extended to the resolution by the Soviet Union and said: "This corresponds to the new policies of the Soviet leadership, represented by 'glasnost' (openness). I think the Soviet arritude is a vital factor in the global improvement of the human condition."

Replying to questions, the Crown Prince explained the concept of NIHO. "It is a comprehensive concept which encompasses a range of humanitarian issues resulting from ills that afflict con-

which are mainly man-made. The cess gives to Jordan a humanitaapproach is action-oriented and rian profile of which we can be the emphasis is on reflection and identification of alternative solu-

Following is the transcript of the interview with the Crown

Question: The United Nations General Assembly recently adopted a resolution proposed by Jordan on a New International Humanitarian Order (NIHO). What is its significance? Answer: The resolution intro-

duced by Jordan which the General Assembly adopted by consensus a few days ago is the most substantive of a series which first began some years ago. When I first proposed to the General Assembly the promotion of a New Humanitarian Order, I did not expect the matter to assume the importance which it has. This year's resolution is related to the final report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues (ICIHI) which itself came into being as a result of the proposal I made. About 40 countries representing all regions and continents joined Jordan to co-sponsor the resolu-

.Q: But what does it mean for Jordan which is a country with limited resources?

A: The humanitarian process in which Jordan is playing a leading role has nothing to do with the resources of the country. In reality, the very fact that we are a small country with limited resources lends credibility to our humanitarian efforts. The action in the General Assembly which is proud. Alleviation of human suffering and the search for ethical solutions through the ever growing humanitarian problems should be the concern of all nations, big and small, and of all men of goodwill. Humanitarianism is a corner-stone of our national policies. His Majesty has always stressed the importance of human welfare and pleaded for politics where people matter. Q: What does NIHO mean to you

and how can it help people in a concrete way? A: It is a comprehensive concept which encompasses a range of humanitarian issues resulting from ills that afflict contemporary society and disasters which are

inly man-made. The is action-oriented and the emphasis is on reflection and identification of alternative solutions. But it is not new in the sense of a recent invention. It is a process which began with the Declaration

of Human Rights after World War II and whose momentum must be maintained to keep pace with new developments and new problems emerging in a fastchanging world. Usually, helping the needy is viewed in a context of charity which often amounts to throwing money at problems rather than addressing the root causes. Furthermore, the humanitarian aspects of global issues are seldom given as much attention as purely economic, political or security matters. In practical terms, helping the needy is useful but helping them to help themselves is even better because it leads to self-reliance and selfsufficiency. In that sense, NIHO is a thought process intended to affect policies and practices in the humanitarian field. This may sound grandiose but some modest beginning has to be made by someone somewhere in order to facilitate the process.

In this age of scientific and technological progress, human wisdom must keep pace with human knowledge and human wellbeing must remain the focal point of all activities by states and individuals alike. This was one of the motives behind the establishment of ICIHI.

O: What were the objectives of ICIHI? Have they been achieved in your view? A: ICIHI was established with a

limited life-span and a modest programme of work which inevitably expanded as we progressed. Composed of eminent persons, representing all parts of the world and different cultures and trends. the commission concentrated on three areas: humanitarian norms in armed conflicts; man-made catastrophes, ranging from famine to nuclear disasters and vulnerable groups in need of special protection such as refugees, indigenous peoples, stateless per-

sons, etc. The commission has issued a number of reports on specific issues which have been published in many languages on all continents and whose recommendations have had an impact on

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Top army commanders briefed violence tapered off for the The news service said it had Jordan, Egypt welcome Security Council condemnation of Israel

Egypt welcomed on Wednesday a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel for shooting Palestinian demonstrators in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Minister of occupied Territories Affairs, Marwan Dudin, welcomed the resolution but deplored the U.S. abstention.

"Jordan is glad the resolution was passed but deplores that the United States abstained. We had hoped it would take a positive stand on the resolution," he told Egypt's minister of state for

foreign affairs, Boutros Ghali, said the U.N. resolution marked the world's denunciation of Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

Its importance, he said, "lies in citing continued Israeli occupation as the reason for the deterioration of the situation in the occupied territories."

His statement to reporters was the seventh by Egypt condemning the killing by Israeli troops of Palestinians in protests this

Egyptian officials viewed the U.S. abstention as positive. One said President Hosni Mubarak fenceless Palestinian civilians."

AMMAN (R) — Jordan and telephoned President Ronald Reagan on Tuesday to urge the United States not to use its veto.

"The U.S. abstention made possible the Security Council decision condemning Israeli practices...," an official quoted by Reuter said.

Mr. Dudin said the U.S. abstention was not conducive to a long-term peace settlement. "We wonder whether the U.S. sees how Israel can keep the land and be accepted in the region as a peaceful state."

by Morocco's King Hassan for a meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference's (OIC) Jerusalem Committee to discuss the situation in the occupied terri-

He said Jordan welcomed a call

The U.S. was the only abstaining Security Council member when the council adopted the resolution strongly deploring Israeli practices and policies which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. It referred particularly to firing

by the Israeli army "resulting in

the killing and wounding of de-

The vote on the resolution was 14 in favour and none against, with the U.S. abstention. Ambassador Herbert Okun,

deputy U.S. delegate, said after the vote: "If we had voted for this resolution, it would have upset and disheartened our friends, particularly the moderate people in Israel. On the other hand, to vote against or veto it would have disheartened our moderates in the Arab World. So we took the principled position and ab-

The United States, one of the five permanent council members with veto power, had threatened to vote against the resolution if the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and supporters tried to push through a measure condemning Israel outright

to the U.S. administration, but not intolerable. The resolution says the council "strongly deplores" Israeli action in the occupied territories, and calls Israel the "occupying power." It recalls earlier Security

Palestinian question.

In Tunis, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), whose leadership is in crisis session over the violence in the occupied territories, is considering the creation of a government-in-exile, a senior PLO official said on Wednesday.

osed and rejected in the past, was discussed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat and the 15-member PLO executive committee at meetings in Tunis, a spokesman for a PLO group represented at the meet-

One of the ideas being discus-

The PLO leadership has been protests in the West Bank and

Tuesday and met again on Wednesday in Tunis. The PLO has in the past refrained from naming a govern-

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand, on the second day of a two-day visit to Djibouti on Wednesday, said France's mission in the Gulf was not finished and its vessels will remain. Interviewed by French television Antenne-2 aboard the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, Mr. Mitterrand said the mission of the French fleet since it was dispatched to the Gulf region in July has been to limit the risk for oil tankers, protect French interests and provide a reserve force. He said the fleet in the Gulf, part of a larger 25-vessel unit called Task

temporary society and disaster only one part of the overall pro-NRA finds new gas deposits at Al Risha

new well in the Risha district near the border with Iraq has resulted in the discovery of further de-posits of gas, hoosting the Kingdom's gas reserves and raising hopes of solving the energy problem in the future.

Natural Resources Authority (NRA) Director Kamal Jureisat said be had reason to believe that more quantities of gas and also oil would be found in the same re-

The NRA, whose teams made

the discovery, will continue its

search programmes to find gas

and oil, Mr. Jureisat said in a

statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra. Last September, the NRA announced the discovery of a gas well at Al Risha region and, according to Mr. Jureisat, it now produces 15 million cubic metres a day, corresponding to nearly

2.500 barrels of oil.

The new gas lines are expected to cut natural oil import hill which last year topped \$600 million. equivalent to 90 per cent of the Kingdom's export earnings.

Jordan's only other hydrocarbon production is from the small Hamzeh field, also in the north,

AMMAN (J.T.) — Drilling at a and west of Reisah. Although the field produces a high quality, low sulfur oil, ontput is a sporadic 600 barrels a day.

Productioo from the Hamzeh

field covers only one per cent of

the country's energy consumption, according to Finance Minister Hanna Odeh. Dr. Odeh, in presenting the country's 1988 draft budget to Parliament earlier this month, said a capital speoding allocation

of JD 13.5 million had been made

for NRA operations, mainly for

oil exploration. Exploration for oil io Jordan started in the 1930s, and NRA officials believe there are good prospects for substantial finds. A Canadian oil team will start

collecting seismic data for Jordan

in a joint search for oil with NRA

starting next month near the Iraqi

Petro Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC) would operate in the Risha area as an initial step, according to his. Jureisat who said also that the

company would spend a total of \$19 million in the course of helping Jordan find oil and provide NRA with expertise needed for oil prospecting.

Accuracy of Iraqi air raids hits hard at Iranian oil shuttle fleet

DUBAI (R) — Stretched across 550-miles of hostile waters, the fragile tanker lifeline fuelling Iran's massed armies has left a graveyard of men and metal costing Tehran much more than shippers previously

Harried by Iraq's Mirage fighter-bombers, two shuttle fleets of tankers bug the Gulf eastern coast in a dual operation vital to the Iranian war effort.

At least 67 tankers and their crews took part in this oil-andproducts seaborne conveyor during 1987, according to regional shipping sources. They say the oil-shuttle armada is much bigger than previously estimated.

The accuracy of Iraq's attacking aircraft ensures that not all vessels are on duty at any one

"The Iranians are badly burt. There is no failure to move its oil, but the Iraqi attacks are making the process much more difficult, expensive and dangerous," one shipping source said.

There is a tremendous cost in damage and delays in the flow of oil that goes to feed Iran's group war effort."

Hardest hit is the main oil export shuttle fleet which the sources say involved some 39 vessels over the year. At least 26 of these have been bit in the last year, with 13 still out of action and five or six total write-offs, the

The sources said six damaged ships were presently moored off the Iranian island of Oeshm at the mouth of the Gulf, awaiting repair assessment.

The fleet, carrying crude oil for export, runs from Kharg Island, Iran's main oil terminal in the north of the Gulf, to mother storage ships in the south — at Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz.

The dollars it earns finance Iran's war machine and the tankers are the declared prime target of Iraqi pilots.

One of the most recent victims on the shuttle was the Iranianowned supertanker Susangird which is expected to be declared a total write-off after two successive Iraqi attacks two weeks ago.

Twenty-one seamen died in the raids on the Norwegian-managed tanker, the highest mercbant ship death toll since the tanker war flared three years ago.

Tuesday's long-distance raid on the mother storage ships at Larak highlighted another major, though more difficult and distant, target for Iraq.

Shipping sources say Iran has nine crude oil storage mother customer pike-up. One of the nine, the World Petrobras was badly damaged on Tuesday while the world's biggest ship, and the Burmah Enterprise were slightly \$7,000 a month salary. damaged.

Apart from the problem of exporting crude, Iran ironically also faces difficulties importing oil products which it cannot produce itself after Iraqi strikes on

This is the job of the second shuttle fleet — carrying oil products up the dangeros stretches of the waterway known as "Exocet literally to fuel the machinery of war.

At least 71 merchant seamen have lost their lives in the alley this year, though not all on Iranian shipping. Iran retaliates for attacks, striking at ships operated by or for supporters of Iraq.

Eight refined products mother storage tankers are operated by Iran of which one, the Shining Star was badly damaged last October. Shipping sources say it could be a total loss.

Two others, the World Admir-

al and Legacy, were slightly damaged in the October raid. But despite the dangers at terminal or snaking up the Gulf, crewmen and tankers still queue

Seamen on the shuttle run,

ships at Larak used to hold oil for normal pay. Flat rates vary according to the company but British sea captains often get a £20,000 bonus each month, while the 564,739-tonne Seawise Giant, Norwegian officers receive around three times their normal

Filipino crewmen receive around \$5,000 a month, and Indians \$1,000, the sources said.

The Iranians use damage writeoff vessels as decoys for Iraqi raids on Kharg. Two of which were knocked out this year — the Cypriot supertanker Polycon and tbe Panamanian supertanker Fuji Orient - bave each been hit 20

With Exocet missiles costing Iraq around \$1.2 million apiece, the decoys are of more value to Tehran than they would be if sold as scrap metal.

The other damaged tankers usually head for Dubai, Bahrain or the Far East for repairs. One, the Greek supertanker Actinia, completed repairs in Bahrain in November but was then bit twice on Dec. I as it sailed fully laden fromg Kharg.

With sbips under constant attack, the National Iranian Tanker Company has been forced to keep chartering new vessels for escalating fees.

Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence said one supertanker, the 280,108-tonne Norwegian Happy usually Indian, Filipino, Greek or Pilot, was chartered on Dec. Norwegian, receive at least treble for \$13,000 a day.

Chirac government denies new

ernment has denied allegations in a French newspaper that secret arms sales to Iran have continued throughout Prime Minister Jac-

The prestigious French daily Le Monde said an investigation in Portugal by its reporters indicated that supplies of weapons and explosives destined for that country in 1986 and 1987 were channelled instead to Tebran, despite government pledges to the

Two French companies already

Candour and understanding characterise Moscow talks

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The Soviet Union, Mr. Gorbachev said, was firmly committed to facilitating the normalisation of the situation in the world and taking international relations onto the road of constructive cooperation.

During the Washington summit, the Soviet Union persistently called on the U.S. to cooperate with all sides concerned in order to defuse conflict situations in the Near and Middle East, in the Persian Gulf, in Central America and other regions. It was empbasised that the search for settlement through political means on the basis of legitimate interests of all sides was increasingly active in those regions.

A thorough exchange of views was beld on all aspects of the Middle East situation and on ways to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mr. Gorbacbev and King Hussein were unanimous that a comprebensive and fair Middle East settlement could only be achieved through convening a competent international conference. It was ouly in this way, by concerted effort, on the basis of bonest cooperation, that it was possible to bring to a common denominator the interests of Arabs, including Palestinians, of Israel and other states.

It was stressed that, under all circumstances, the Palestinian factor remained the key element to the Middle East settlement and that it could not be attained without the PLO.

The main thing now, Mr. Gorbachev said, was to set into motion the mechanism of the international conference and start practical talks. The number of supporters of this approach was increasing, he observed. But no real advancement bad as vet been achieved. This was due to the lack of constructiveness in the position of the U.S. and Israel. their attempts to impose their methods of settlement.

"We say bluntly to the Ameran unrealistic approach. This steps towards peace. course runs counter to the in-terests of Arabs and Israel alike."

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have not led anywhere. And this means that all the sides, including the PLO, should participate collectively in working out a fair comprehensive settlement in the Middle East, including the Palestinian problem. This should be done both on a multilateral and bilateral basis. This work should result in decisions taking into consideration the lawful interests of all the parties involved. The quest is conducted in the

sbould be stepped up. "Such is the Soviet Union's approach to this forum. It sensibly combines principledness, flexibility and realism, the readiness to take into consideration various viewpoints. The Soviet Union is going to continue interacting seriously and responsibly with all those who intend to make a constructive contribution to defusing the Middle East conflict."

King Hussein spoke about the results of the Arab summit conference beld last November in Amman. He noted that the idea of convening an international conference was supported by the participants at the Amman summit.

Great importance of joint actions of Arab states in the interests of a fair solution to the Middle East problem was noted in this connection.

The interlocutors widely discussed the questions connected with the Iran-Iraq conflict and the situation in the Persian Gnlf. The common awareness was noted that the aggravation of the situation in the region requires vigorous, energetic actions. Mr. Gorbachev emphasised

that the Soviet Union strongly favours an early end to that war, the settlement of disputed questions by political means with the observance of lawful interests of both Iraq and Iran. It implements this line consistently in contacts with all the sides. The Soviet and Jordanian lead-

ers noted that the U.N. Security Council's Resolution 598 remains icans and the Israelis that this is the real basis for taking effective

In connection with the lack of real progress in the process of 'The international confer- negotiations, King Hussein, reence," Mr. Gorbachev stressed, ferring to the decision of the, "must not be a cover for separate | Amman summit, declared in arrangements. The attempts to favour of the Security Council's take the road of separate deals adopting a resolution on the

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embargo on arms deliveries to Iran as the side that refuses to comply with the Security Coun-

cil's decisions. Mr. Gorbachev said that the Soviet Union, while continuing to declare for the implementation of Resolution 598, is not against considering this question at the United Nations Security Council. But there are doubts if those who declare for embargo the loudest, and who, by the way, were canght at secretly supplying arms to Iran will be observing the embargo. And this is of no little importance right direction, but this process for the matter. The Soviet Union does not supply arms to Iran.

"We deem it necessary to use every means for ending the war, including those envisaged by the United Nations Charter," Mr. Gorbachev went on. "A great deal will depend in this on the warring sides themselves, on their readiness to carry the matters to genuine settlement on the basis of reasonable compromise."

'The Soviet Union will be promoting this process in every way, will be vigorously supporting collective efforts giving an impetus to the continuation of the directives were given to the Soviet representative at the United Nations to this effect."

The question of normalising the situation in the Persian Gulf must be decided alongside this. The situation in the Gulf continues worsening, and threatens to develop into a serious international crisis. The situation in the Gulf zone should be relaxed and the sooner the better. The Soviet Union holds that the forming of the United Nations naval force will make it possible to improve the political climate, to concentrate the attention on the task of an early end to the Iran-Iraq war. The Soviet proposals to this effect are known. But we are also open to a serious discussion of any other constructive ideas. We call on our partners in the West to ponder jointly and interact in this question."

Mr. Gorbachev and the King expressed mutual interest in the continuation of the Soviet-Jordanian political dialogue and confirmed the striving for a further widening and deepening of relations between the two countries in various areas.

King Hussein invited the USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

general secretary of the CPSII Central Committee to make an official visit to Jordan. The invitation was gratefully accepted.

Rifai meets Ryzhkov

The Prime Minister, Mr. Zaid Rifai, beld talks on Tuesday with Nikolai Ryzhkov, member of the politburo of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers

In discussing international sides expressproblems, the ed confidence that practical steps on arms control and disarmament were a necessary condition for preserving peace and for the suc cessful solution of acute economic and social problems facing

It was observed in this connection that the conclusion of the Soviet-American treaty on the. elimination of their medium- and shorter-range missiles was an his. toric step along the road towards ending the nuclear arms race and towards disarmament.

Mr. Rifai highly assessed the Soviet peace initiatives directed... at averting nuclear catastrophe talks. Clear-cut and concrete and strengthening peace and international security.

In considering bilateral relations. the sides expressed satisfaction with their overall state and noted reciprocal interest in the further development of trade and economic cooperation. especially by way of using new form economic fles.

Mr. Ryzhkov described profound changes currently under way in the Soviet Union in all spheres of life or society - political, social, economic and spiritual, and the radical reform of economic management. In discussing the situation in the Middle East, the heads of the twogovernments expressed the convic tion that the search for a fair comprehensive Middle East settlement, including that of the Palestinian problem, should be conducted within the framework of a competent international conference under the U.N auspices with the participation of al sides directly concerned and perma nent members of the U.N. Security

The sides were unanimous about ... the need for the earliest cessation or: -. the Iran-Iraq war by peaceful, politic al means. This effort should be facili. tated by all countries which were: sincerely striving towards lasting peace in the region. The conversation was constructive

in character and passed in an atmos-

Cuba denies official contacts with Israel HAVANA (R) — The Cuban

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government bas denied reports that it held official talks with representatives of Israel to discuss renewing diplomatic relations between the two nations.

ign Ministry statement as saying

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Work News Reports
Programme review
News in Arabic
Arabic series
Local varieties programme
Arabic film
News summary in Arabic
Arabic film contd.

..... News in French

17:30 Les Reves de Jeannoi (Cartoon) Rue Carnot
French Documentary

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23:55 Varieties 00:55 Christmas midnight mass from Vatican

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..... Instrumentals
Discovering Music

.. Pop Session News Bulletin

. Instrumentals

PROGRAMME ONE

The official Cuban News Agency Prensa Latina quoted a Fore-

to the position of these persons as businessmen and political figures in their respective nations. It added there had not been official contacts between Cuban

and Israeli diplomatic representa-

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The Foreign Ministry state-"meetings between Cuban leaders ment did not name the repreand representatives of the Intersentatives of the International national Jewish Community took Jewish Community nor did it give place for political and economic further details on the meetings.

report on Iran arms sales

PARIS (R) - The French govques Chirac's 21 months in office.

accused of arms trafficking, Luchaire SA and the state-owned National Powder and Explosives Company (SNPE), supplied Iran by using false end-user certificates giving Portugal as the destination of the munitions, the newspaper said.

But a Defence Ministry spokesman, speaking on behalf of the Budget Ministry, said: "the material-mentioned was never shipped. Therefore it could not have

been re-routed.'

TODAY'S EVENTS

An art exhibition by Samir Masheh at the Spanish Cultural Centre - Jabal Annuan (until Dec. 31).

☆ A photo exhibition about Pakistan at Yarmuk University in Irbid.

An exhibition of Jordanian-Soviet stamps at the Ministry of Communica-

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11:09 British Press Review 11:15 The
World Today 11:45 Training for
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Flying the Flag 13:00 News Summary:
Just Little Ol Tune 13:09 News Abom
Britain 13:15 New Ideas 13:25 A Letter
from England 13:30 Citizens 14:00
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Top Twenty 14:45 Sports Round-up
15:30 World News 15:09 24 Hours:
News Summary 15:30 Network UK
15:45 Dave Gelly's Songbook 16:40
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.......... News summary in Arabic

... Varieties

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

→ Pakistani photo exhibition at the University of Jordan. ☆ "Sun" painting by Hana Saudi at 4:00 p.m., at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation (until Dec. 25)

★ An art exhibition entitled "The Architect of Mambuk Jerusalem" at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in cooperation with the British Council (until 'Dec. 30).

INDIAN FILM WEEK

☆ An Indian film week at the Royal Cultural Centre daily at 6:00 p.m. (Dec. 26 · 31).

CULTURAL CENTRES Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7

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Turkish Cultural Centre 639777
Haya Arts Centre 665195
Hussein Youth City 67181/6
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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 -a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-

..... Morning Show Contd.
News Summary

tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Am-man. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 651760. QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL Year-round. Tel. 651760,
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has
an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a
(Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00
a.m. 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official
holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).
Closed Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lious Club, Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club, Meetings ev-Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2.00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Am-man, Eighth Circle, Tel. 816534, 817534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammuciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeb, Tel. 03/440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein. Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366 p.m. Tel: 0.2366 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox! Abdali, Tel. 62354]. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 601359. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 721231 Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh. Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. Tel. 771751. denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 67/534.

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295.

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06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Country Style 06:45 Reflections 06:50 Financial News 07:00 World News 07:09 24 Hours: News Summary 7:30 A Personal Look

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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2) Beirut (ME)
Bachdad (IA)
Cairo (MS)
Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GF) Kuwaji (KU). Istanbul, Ankara (TK). Riyadh (5V)..... Amsterdam (KLM)

19:15 20:15 00:25 DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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21:30 Kuala Lumpur, Singapore (RI)
22:40 Bangkok (RI) Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 9. Aqaba 14. Humidity readings: Amman 92 per cent. Aqaba 65 per

It will be partly cloudy to cloudy, with scattered showers, associated with thunder activities. Winds will be northwisherly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy, with chances for scattered showers. Winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea. Min./max. temp.

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Amman downtown fire brigade.

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First aid ... 630341
Blood Bank ... 778303
Crvil Defence rescue ... 661111
Fire headquarters ... 622090-3
Police rescue ... 192, 621111, 637777
Police headquarters ... 639141
Traffic police ... 8963904
Electric Power Co. 636381/4, 624881
Municipal water complaints ... 771125/8
Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

HOSPITALS

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Shmeisani Hospital
University Hospital
Al-Muasher Hospital
The Islamie, Abdali
Al-Ahli, Abdali
Italian, Al-Muhajreen
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieb
Army, Marka

NIGHT DUTY

r. George Sahouri . r. Tayseer Sa'di r. Tawfiq Qub'ein . r. Mohammad Disi 661912 787336 637055 Firas pharmacy ... Al Asema pharmacy Nairoukh pharmacy

TAXIS: Al Wabida taxi Khaldonn taxi Heyam taxi Bahrain taxi

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10:25 Cartoons and Children programme
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20:10 A programme on the West Bank

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30 Years of American Top

PROGRAMME TWO 17:15 "Lete prochain" (French film) "Le Monde Selon Georges" News in Hebrew Nothing Is Easy
Against the Wind
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23:00 30 Years of American Top Ten

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Subeishat wins new term as rbid mayor

MMAN (J.T.) — The Cabinet Vednesday decided to appoint)r. Abdul Razzak Tubeishat as nayor of the northern city of rbid for another term. Dr. inbeishat, who secured 9,887 otes in last week's municipal lection held in Irbid, bad the ighest number of votes obtained y any of the other eight candilates who ran for the nine-memer municipal council.

Council of Ministers ratifies loan accord with Kuwaiti fund

Wednesday ratified a loan agreement with Kuwait under which the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development will give Jordan seven million Kuwaiti dinars to help it finance the expansion of the Aqaba Thermal Power Station.

The loan agreement was signed by officials from the Kuwaiti fund and Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan in Amman last month.

The loan will be used to complete the station's second phase, a project that entails the addition

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Cabinet of two thermal power-generating units, each with a capacity of 130 megawatts, and linking the station with the main distribution centre, south of Amman, with a 400-kilovolt transmission cahle.

> According to the agreement, the loan will carry an annual interest of six per cent and will be paid over 15 years with a fiveyear grace period. The project, which is being supervised and implemented by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) is expected to be completed by 1991

Their Majesties return after Soviet visit

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bn Shaker and Royal Jordanian Air Force Commander Brigadier-Jeneral Ihsan Shurdom.

The talks in Moscow culminted with the signing of an execuive programme on cultural and cientific cooperation between ordan and the Soviet Union. King Hussein and President

Bromyko were present when oreign Minister Taher Al Masri ind his Soviet counterpart 3duard Shevardnadze signed the rogramme. Under the programne, the two countries pledge to ooperate in education, cultural ind scientific fields as well as onrism, information, and rchaeology and health affairs.

At the outset of the press onference he gave before deparare, the King voiced his appreiation and gratitude to the Soviet eadership and people for the arm hospitality accorded to him nd the Jordanian delegation dur-

He said the visit allowed him he chance to discuss with the oviet leaders all questions of 'nutual concern to the two counries. The King noted that he nade the visit following a two nportant events — one of which as the Nov. 8-11 Amman Arah ummit and the other was the -1.S.-Soviet agreement on the renoval of intermediate-range nuc-

car missiles. The King described the missile reaty as one of extreme importnce, not only for the two superowers but for the world at large. The King paid tribute to the fforts of the Soviet leadership which was instrumental towards the conclusion of the agreement.
The King said that Jordan wel-The King said that Jordan welomes the U.S.-Soviet agreement

· · · · ecause it aims at dealing with ot issues and reducing tension The King said that be conveyed the Soviet leadership the outome of the Amman summit and s resolutions which marked a ew era in inter-Arab relations

nd the Arab Nation's determina-

ion to confront common dan-

"I discussed with the Soviet adership the resolutions of the unman summit in the name of he Arab Nation," he said, "and f course two important issues in he Middle East and the Gulf." The first of these issues, the

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. in olicies. However, the commis-

King said, was the Arab-Israeli conflict and the situation in the occupied Arab lands.

He said that the Arah summit had demanded the convening of an international conference as the only means for solving the conflict so that a formula could be found for implementing U.N. Security Council Resolutions 338 and 242 which clearly state the inadmissibility of occupying other countries territory by force.

The King said that the Arah Nation calls for consultations among the five permanent memhers of the Security Council and the concerned parties to pave the way for the conference.

These days the World watches an uprising in the occupied Arab lands hy the Arab inhahitants against the inhuman Israeli practices and we are supporting the Palestinian people with all our might and we will never forget them and will never forget their sufferings for an instant. We helieve that this uprising is another reason for concentrating the efforts for ending the problem as speedily as possible, King Hussein said.

"This can be done, he said, only through the proposed international conference which has won the support and hacking of the majority of nations. The King said that there was no chance this year to gain the support of a few remaining nations for the idea of the conference and therefore efforts should continue to end this problem.

"What is bappening in the occu-pied Arab lands at present calls for doubled efforts to find a lasting and bonourable solution for the Palestine problem that will he acceptable to future generations," King Hussein said.

The King said the Arab summit also discussed the Gulf conflict, which is threatening the Arah Order and the Arah existence.

"This war, which is in its eighth year now, is expanding and Iran has threatened Saudi Arabia. Kuwait, Iraq and gradually the rest of the Arah Nation and the Arah Order as a whole," King

He said that the continuation of the war had hrought danger and foreign forces to the Gulf

'At the summit we strove to end the war and we believe that the only means for ending it is cials.

Nations played a certain role in

encouraging its establishment,

the commission was established

outside the United Nations

framework in order for it to be

independent of the constraints of

inter-governmental dehates.

Fourth, its objectivity stemmed

from the realism of its memhers

who were drawn from most of the

world's geographical regions in-cluding the U.S. and the USSR.

Q: The Soviet Union provided

strong support for the Jordanian

proposal at the General Assem-

bly. What does that signify and

A: I am pleased by the active

how do you view it?

Crown Prince explains concept of NIHO

through the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 in accordance of the order of its articles," King Hussein said. He said Iraq had responded favourably to the implementation of the resolution, exchange of prisoners of war and the withdrawal of hoth parties to the international houndaries hefore arriving at a formula for normal relations between the

one another's internal affairs. This resolution, the King said, has not been implemented and therefore consultations should be made with the Security Council memhers for taking steps leading

Arahs and Iran hased on mutual

respect and non-interference in

towards such an end. "I would like to emphasise to all that the Arah Nation is determined and capable of assuming the role imposed on it for arriving at an honourable peace and is ready to defend Arah soil and Arah right," King Hussein said.

Referring to the talks with the Soviet leaders, the King said that the visit opened the door for him to discuss all questions and he was quite satisfied with the outcome of the talks and quite bappy with the relations between Jordan and the Soviet Union hased on mutual cooperation and understanding. "At the talks we discussed means of further bolstering bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields, the King added. He said the visit also allowed him the chance to convey to the Soviet friends in the name of the Jordanian-people and the Arab Nation the deep feeling of gratitude and appreciation for the Soviet Union's stands in supporting Arab causes and right and for backing the Arabs under all circumstances.

The King said he was returning home deeply satisfied and pleased with the outcome of the visit and more proud of the Soviet Union's friendship with the Arah

Their Majesties were seen off from Moscow hy President Gromyko and other senior Soviet officials with a grand farewell ceremony. Upon arrival bome, the King and Queen and the accompanying delegation were received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath, royal family members and senior offi-

interest taken hy the Soviet de-legation at the General Assem-

hly in Jordan's efforts to promote

the New International Humanita-

rian Order. This corresponds to

the new policies of the Soviet

leadership, represented hy "glas-nost." I think the Soviet attitude

is a vital factor in the global

improvement of the human con-

dition. I am particularly gratified

that some of the reports we pre-

pared on specific humanitarian

issues are heing translated into Russian and published from Mos-

cow. We look forward to further

collahoration with the Soviet Un-

ion in this field.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordan, South Korea to sign accord today

AMMAN (Petra) — A South Korean delegation, now on a visit here, will today sign an agreement with the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) on the exchange of expertise and information regarding computers in reorganising management affairs and running training centres and programmes. The agreement will also cover ways to help promote JEA's services to subscribers, manufacture electrical equipment and promote its research for developing power projects in the Kingdom. The delegation which groups representatives of the South Korean Electric Power Corporation is reciprocating the visit to South Korea recently made by Dr. Hisham Al Khatih. minister of energy and mineral

Soviet folk troupe begins visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The Soviet Lazghi folk troupe arrived here Wednesday at the invitation of the Department of Culture and Arts in implementation of a Jordanian-Soviet cultural agreement. A spokesman for the Department of Culture and Arts said that the Soviet troupe will present performances at the Royal Cultural Centre today under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. He said that the troupe will present other performances later at the Al Hussein Youth City and Yarmouk University.

Kabariti presents credentials to Evren

ANKARA (Petra) — Jordan's amhassador to Turkey, Saleh Al Kahariti presented his credentials to President Kenaan Evren and conveyed His Majesty King Hussein's greetings and best wishes to the Turkish people. The president paid tribute to the King's efforts in unifying Arah ranks and his success in concluding a successful summit meeting in Amman achieving consensus and agreement among Arah countries. President Evren also voiced his total dismay over Israel's inhuman practices against the Arah inhahitants in the occupied territories and reiterated Turkey's call for an end to the Gulf conflict.

Cold weather forecast to continue today

AMMAN (Petra) - An atmospheric depression which affected Jordan in the past two days is now moving eastward, hut another depression moving into the Mediterranean Sea from the Black Sea is expected to affect the region by Friday night, director of the Department of Meteorology, Dr. Ali Abanda, announced Wednesday evening.

He said that the depression caused very cold winds to blow on Jordan and the Eastern Mediterranean regions from the polar zone bringing in heavy rains that fell on most areas of the Kingdom and light snow on very high areas at Ras Al Naqab in the outhern regions.

According to Dr. Abanda, more rains will fall on Thursday and the weather will continue to

Dr. Abanda said that rains which fell on Jordan over the past two days were good and compensated for sunny days in the past

In the meantime, the Public Security Department (PSD) reported snow in the Ma'an region and said that the Rajev-Arsis road was blocked by snow.

The PSD also reported poor visibility along roads in high mountainous areas in the south and north of Jordan due to thick

Pakistani embassy celebrates birthday anniversary of Jinnah

AMMAN (J.T.) — On the auspicious occasion of the 111th birthday of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the Emhassy of Pakistan organised "Quaid-e-Azam week celehrations in the Kingdom." The weeks' celehrations included a main function at Amman, exhibition at Jordan and Yarmouk universities and a chancery function for Pakistani com-

On December 20, 1987 the first function was celebrated in the Auditorium of Amman Chamber of Commerce which was wellattended by Jordanian dignitaries, members of diplomatic corp and Pakistani community. The Jordanian Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Ahdul Aziz Al Khayyat was the chief guest and the gathering was addressed hy distinguished speakers like H.E. Dr. Kamel Sharif, H.E. Mr. Akram Zuaitar and Mr. Raif Najm. In his speech, the amhas-

sador paid glowing tributes to the

On December 21, 1987 a "Pakistan exhibition" was held at the Jordan University and inaugurated hy its president, Dr. Ahdul Salam Majali. The ambas-sador received Dr. Majali and accompanied him to various display items. This exhibition included display of photographs of the Quaid, handicrafts, literature on Pakistan and other items depicting Pakistani culture.

A similar exhibition was held on December 23, 1987 in Yarmouk University, Irbid and was inaugurated hy president of the university, Dr. Hamdan. In the evening, an elaborate "Fancy Show" depicting Pakistani dres-ses was beld at the Yarmouk University.

On Dec. 25, a community function will be beld at the Chancery and will be attended by Pakistani farmers and workers in the Kingdom.

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Outgoing Japanese ambassador esteems Jordan's economic and political role in Mideast

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Outgoing Japanese ambassador to Jordan Akira Nakayama has said the Japanese government's recent approval of a \$300 million soft loan to the Kingdom was "just one manifestation of a growing recogni-tion in Tokyo of Jordan's pivotal role in the Middle East.

Tokyo approved the loan in October as part of a regional "assistance package" to help ensure safety for commercial navigation in the Gulf and the broader stability in the Middle East. The package, a landmark in Mr. Nakayama's career, included a \$200 million similar loan for the Sultanate of Oman.

"The government of Jordan has been very much interested in our approach to enhance the stahility of the region," Mr. Nakayama said, "We are looking forward towards further political, economic and cultural coopera-

The amhassador said the implementation of development projects in Jordan to be financed by the Japanese loan was "at the initial stage," hut that the process "has already started."

Mr. Nakayama said in an interview that the Jordanian government "is currently preparing itself' for the loan and that there had already been some proposals presented by the Jordanian government for possible financing hy the Japanese loan.

Some of these proposals are already under consideration hy Tokyo as part of the \$300 million loan, hut, the amhassador said, "no final decision" has yet heen made on the financing of any particular project. He said intensive contacts were underway on proposed projects.

"It is up to Jordan to determine its priorities and make proposals on projects it wants to finance." said Mr. Nakayama wbo leaves Amman today after serving his country here for 41/2 years. He returns to Tokyo before taking up his new post in Ecuador.

In the interview, the amhassador pointed out that Japan would jects to be financed in Jordan. He said there was "no time limit for the implementation of the loan." On the loan's repayment

terms, Mr. Nakayama said repayment conditions were subject to the nature of the loan to be financed within the \$300 million package. "Each project would be treated separately.

The Japanese-financed projects currently under detailed negotiations include those related to power generation, road con-

The Japanese amhassador discussed his country's policy in the Times that he occasionally faced region and Tokyo's diplomatic problems related to Japanese efforts to help reach a peaceful and just end the Iran-Iraq war. jects in Jordan. He expressed

Mr. Nakayama said Japan,

Iranian oil, considered its in-projects would be solved in the volvement in the Gulf "a rather future." He did not explain, hut sensitive issue." He hinted that he said: "I will leave that to be Tokyo's policy in the Gulf, which handled by my successor." distinguished itself from the general Western stance, had often strained relations with Western states.

ance to adhere to diplomatic Tokyo's position on these dechannels in trying to deal with velopments and the hroader

On Japan's oil imports from Iran, Mr. Nakavama said the issue was a matter to be decided hy the Japanese private sector. The Japanese government cannot interfere in commercial activities of the private sector and their husiness in the region." However, he said, "the amount heing imported from Iran has declined (since the heginning of the tanker war) for one reason or the other.'

Mr. Nakavama said his government had advised its private sector "not to seek commercial advantage in an area where others have left." He did not elaborate.

He said the government cooperated with the private sector by providing it with information relevant to the safety of commercial navigation in the Gulf. Asked whether the government would advise its private sector oil companies to seek imports from other less-troubled areas, Mr. Nakayama said "it is a matter for them to decide."

Speaking of his term in Jordan, the amhassador said he arrived in Amman with · practically no knowledge of the Kingdom or any part of the Middle East. "I bad my own misgivings and misconceptions about Jordan and the area. What followed," he said, was a succession of pleasant

sophistication — the people's Nakayama Jordan's Independopen-mindedness and friendly attitude," he noted.

The amhassador praised Jor- Japanese relations.

struction, irrigation and educa- dan's "high standard of educa-tion installations and prog- tion, its professional competence and highly-skilled manpower."

Mr. Nakayama told the Jordan cooperation in development prohope that "some difficulties faced which is heavily dependent on in the implementation of certain

On developments in the Israelioccupied territories, the ambassador said his government was "aware of the gravity of the He underlined Tokyo's insist- Palesunian situation" and that Arab-Israeli conflict was identical to that of Jordan.

Japan is the second largest contributor to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) after the United States, Mr. Nakayama said Tokyo was looking into the possibility of providing economic assistance to the occupied Arah territories through the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP). He said the subjects were under discussion at the

Japanese foreign ministry. Asked whether that meant the Japanese government has de-cided against contributing assistance to the occupied territories through Jordan's five-year development plan for the occupied territories, Mr. Nakayama answered: "That's correct."

In his late fifties, Mr. Nakavama is married with three daughters who have visited Jordan. The amhassador who joined the foreign service in 1950, served his country in Indonesia, the United States, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, Trinidad in the Carribean before his appointment in Jordan in mid 1983. His bobbies include reading, photograpby and playing golf.

Mr. Nakayama said much as he will miss Jordan, he was looking forward to his assignment in

A Royal Decree was issued "I was struck hy Jordan's Wednesday awarding Mr. ence Medal of the First Order for his role in enhancing Jordanian-

Norwegian to visit Jordan next week

AMMAN (Petra) - Norway's minister of petroleum and energy is due here on Sunday on a three-day visit to Jordan. During the visit, the Norwegian minister will hold talks with Jordanian officials on bolstering energy cooperation hetween Jordan and Norway. Meanwhile, the cabinet Wednesday announced that Mr. Knot Mourkeed will be Norway's nomination as a new amhasador





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An occasion of sorrow and sadness

CHRISTMAS in Bethlehem and the rest of the Holy Land this year will go down in contemporary history as among the saddest and solemnest ever due to the Palestinian blood that was spilled by Israeli bullets in the last two weeks. It was no surprise that celebrations in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, and the rest of the occupied territories will be trimmed this year to the bare minimum and will not exceed strict religious observance of the normally happy occasion of the birth of Christianity. With the Christian officialdom's decision to mark this year's occasion of Christmas with reserved joy in the occupied territories, the churches of Jordan have also decided to curtail their celebration to the minimum as an expression of their solidarity with their brethren fighting and struggling against Israel's harsh and oppressive measures in the occupied territories.

In all, the mounting death toll among the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip at the hands of the Israeli forces have transformed an otherwise joyous and inspirational occasion into a mourning event, which the whole world will mark with much sorrow and sadness. To make things even worse in the Holy Land, the Israeli minister of defence, Yitzhak Rabin, has returned from his official visit to Washington ever more defiant of the occasion of Christmas with a promise to apply an even more iron-fist policy against the inhahitants of the Holy Land. This is the Christmas gift that Israel is offering to the Christians of the world and to the very people affected by the trigger-happy israeli forces. This is the message of "despair" and "hostility" that Israel is beaming out to the world at large on the very occasion of Christmas, the religious and joyous occasion which brought much hope and inspiration to mankind. To add insult to injury, Rabin and likeminded Israeli officials, which are behind the measures that marred and smeared the Christmas season of 1987, had the audacity to suggest to the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip that there were "peaceful ways" to get their "rights." Show us Rabin one case in your state's bistory where the people of Palestine had come anywhere near earning their national rights by peaceful ways. Tell us Rabin and company how Israel had wrested Palestinian territory from its rightful citizens to establish itself. Was it hy peaceful means that Israel came into being or rather on ashes of the national rights of its indigenous people? After 20 years of occupation is there truly a peaceful way out of Israeli occupation and oppression? We wonder. But if there is, then it would be Israel which has to show the way. It is the recalcitrant party that refuses to budge an inch for peace.

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Al Ra i: Complementary drives

JORDANIAN moves on the one hand and diplomatic moves by Arab governments on the other clearly reflect a determination on the part of the Arah Nation to follow up on the positive outcome achieved at the Arab summit meeting in Amman last month. King Hussein's visit to the Soviet Union assumes a special importance since it represents a pan-Arab drive to present the Arab views to the superpower and explain the Amman summit's successful outcome. Likewise, Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia who visited Baghdad, Damascus and Cairo, carried out a similar mission within the Arab World, acting in the spirit of the Amman summit and trying to enhance its resolutions which call for pan-Arab solidarity in the face of hostile alliance, specially in the Palestine and Gulf fronts. Prince Hassan held talks with Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz on current Arab affairs and the results of the Amman summit. These talks come on the eve of meetings in Riyadh by the Gulf Cooperation Council members who will discuss collective defence and security matters. The meeting will find a total backing from Arab countries for measures aimed at ensuring the security of the Arab states. The coming meeting is bound to enhance the resolutions passed by the Amman summit on the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli conflict. There is no alternative to solidarity among Arab countries at a time when the common enemies continue their drive to occupy Arab land, and there is no substitute to pan-Arab action in the face of injustice and repression.

Al Dustour: What is expected of Soviets

ISSUES of common interest to Jordan and the Soviet Union were on top of the subjects discussed by King Hussein and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at a three-hour meeting at the Kremlin Tucsday. These questions covered regional problems and issues of global importance. King Hussein voiced his appreciation to Mr. Gorbachev for his concluding an agreement with the U.S. on removing nuclear weapons from Europe and said the world was in need of another agreement to come through an international conference that would bring about peace and security to the Middle East, and pave the way for an end to the fighting in the Gulf in accordance with Security Council resolutions. King Hussein dwelt in length on these two issues in his address to a banquet held in his honour at the Kremlin on the first day of his visit. He said the Arab World in general looks to the Soviet Union to take serious steps for supporting the Arab Nation's drive towards peace and security. In referring to the bloody events and the upsurge of Arab resistance in the occupied Arab territories. King Hussein pointed to Israel's intransigent position and said that the events come as a natural reaction to Israel's arbitrary actions and repressive measures against the Palestinian people. In reference to the Gulf conflict, the King pointed to the dangers inherent in Iran's continued rejection of peace bids and refusal to implement Security Council Resolution 598. The King's speech at the banquet and the subsequent talks held with Mr. Gorbachev, emphasise the importance of the monarch's visit to Moscow and the role the Arab Nation expects from their friend and superpower to play in contributing tnwards a genuine and just peace.

Soviet president's speech at banquet in honour of His Majesty the King

Security of Mideast is closely linked to that of the Soviet Union Moscow will exert continuous constructive efforts for Mideast peace

conference • Soviets remain committed to Resolution 598

Following is an unofficial translation of Soviet President Andrei Gromyko's address at a banquet he hosted in honour of His Majesty King Hussein on Monday, the first day of His Majesty's current visit

Your Majesty, Onr respected Jordanian whole world that the realisation guests, Comrades,

WE are deeply pleased to wel-come our most esteemed guest King Hussein Ihn Talal of Jordan on an official visit to the Soviet Union. We are also glad to see here at the Kremlin Her Majesty Queen Noor.

Strong and solid retations have developed between our two countries since a long time. These relations have been hased on principles of mutual respect and non-intervention in each other's internal affairs. In the view of the Soviets, Jordan is an integral part of the Arah World, the land of great and ancient traditions and the cradle of genuine civilisations. The unique and rare caves, palaces and temples which are sculptured in the rocks of the mountains of Petra, the capital of one greatest and most ancient states, are truly considered real miracles of man's magnificent architectural creations.

REALLY it is not useless to describe Jordan as "open-air museum" but the central debate in our contemporary times is not focused on the necessity of preserving civilisations' ruins but rather on the fact that the nations are demanding with their loudest voice the human life itself on earth should be safeguarded prior

to anything else. extraordinary. Just recently, the visit of the secretary-general of treaty, and the international reacwar has become nearer than ever. And even those who are still terms of its in resisting the elimination of nuc-lear weapons can no longer claim ers are involved in a wider scale. that this goal is a mirage or an

IT has become clear to the of this objective is solely contingent on the scope of the current efforts in that direction.

IT has become clear that the continuation of the arms race is a step towards a bottomless pit and, if we use the metaphoric expressions used in your countries my friends, then we shall say that the arms race is like a caravan in the desert heading straight to the lifeless Dead Sea where it is impossible for any living soul to

THE Soviet-American INF treaty represents the first step in the reverse direction i.e. towards avoiding the danger of the catastrophe and safeguarding of life on

WE shall not be tired to reiterate that our Leninist policy is a policy of peace and that the S.S.R., together with its allies and the other countries that call for development of ties among nations, is constructing a peace landmark.

BUT this landmark cannot be strongly built if the construction was not based on solid security base. Or else this security would be unreliable and fragile.

THIS realisation has become one of the crystal-clear fundamentals of the nuclear age. Therefore I reiterated, during the 27th congress of the Soviet Communist Party, the need to reactivate collective efforts to extinguish the flames of conflict in the THE era we are living in is regions of tension and instability in the world.

THIS point, perhaps, directly the Central Committee of the concerns the Middle East in the Soviet Communist party, Mikhail. first place, for the unresolved Gorbachev, to Washington to conflict in this area has been sign the Soviet-American INF shedding blood for the last four decades. Moreover, year after tions to the treaty have once year, new causes of conflict are again proved that realising accumulating and new links of the major objective of humanity complexties are added to the of deterring the danger of nuclear chain. The region has witnessed an unprecedented arms race in

THESE forces are trying to

the final result, we find a chronic political and military instability. which had cost meaningless human losses, destruction of villages and towns and of the concerned economies.

ALL of this creates an atmosphere of danger and lack of confidence in the future on the part of the people of the region.

THE Middle East conflict should be solved and this is the will of this era. The violation of the legitimate rights of nations and the international law is illogical, and the nations will never accept the violations of their

THIS fact is being proved by the ongoing courageous resistance the Palestinian people are putting up against the Israeli occupiers and which has also shown the futility of the "iron fist" policy adopted by Israel. The (Palestinian resistance) has also proved the need for a decisive and daring turn towards a collective search for a just and honourable peace.

The Soviet union is far from being apathetic towards the fate of the nations in the Middle East. This region is close in proximity to our country and therefore the escalating political and military tension cannot but affect us and the security of our allies. We have always had historical, political, economic and cultural interests and concerns in the region.

WE are also aware that other countries have similar interests and concerns in the region. But that should never mean that an external force can claim the right to decide the future and fate of the area or to impose by force the basis of this future upon the people of the region.

THE idea of convening an international peace conference on the Middle East is currently enjoying the world attention. It is a positive development that this idea is gaining ground and weight. Even tion to other destruction. Only should be tackled. Experience

narrow interests and benefits. As those who until recently were not through political means could this ready even to listen about this tension and the accumulation of conference are now ready to consider the suggestion and to discuss the possibility of realising it. But there are still some circles employ the mechanism provided which try to impose artificial preconditions and reservations against the convening of the conference. These circles aim at exploiting the wide approval of the convening of the conference to advance their own special in-

> THERE are certain circles in both the U.S. and Israel which are trying again to divert the peace process in the Middle East to the unpaved path of unilateral deals which are far from being It is the right of the international capable of achieving a durable

peace in the region. THE main task of the conference will he to achieve real peace in the region. The conference should also provide solutions which address all the aspects of the Arah-Israeli conflict, including an adequate solution to the Palestinian problem.

THE Soviet position towards the Palestinian cause is wellknown: the conference should be based on mutual respect of each country's independence and the right of each people to choose its own independent way of development in an atmosphere of security.

THE immediate task is to pave the way towards a complete international conference. The Soviet Union is determined to take constructive steps towards the realisation of this idea in the Security Council as well as on the level of continuous Soviet contacts with all the concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and

FOR the eighth consecutive year the flames of the Iran-Iraq war continue to erupt and inflict a longer list of casualties, in addi-

Full text of Security Council resolution

mutual hostility be defused. Wisdom and logic should prevail and dominate each move that should by the United Nations.

THE Soviet Union's principle remains unchanged. The Soviet Union supports an end to the Iran-Iraq war. Security Council Resolution 598 remains the sound and halanced hasis for a just settlement.

HOWEVER. the path towards achieving peace is strewn with difficulties. Iraq's readiness to accept peace is not enough on its own to achieve the aspired peace. community to expect practical steps towards peace by Iran. It will be preferable that the two sides will sit on the same negotiating table. The wise Oriental proverh says: "A good neighbourhood stems from kind intentions." If such a situation prevails then there will be no need for enforcing other means contained in the U.N. Charter.

The massing up of the fleets of the U.S. and its allies, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in the Arah Gulf is further complicating the search for a settlement. This conclusion is substantiated by facts about the rising tension in the Gulf.

THE Soviet Union has called for the withdrawal of all foreign fleets from the region. The Soviet Union is holding to this position.

BUT if the issue of protecting freedom of navigation is raised then this mission could be entrusted to a special U.N. naval task force which could be formed for that purpose. The formation of this force could be in harmony with the interests of all countries concerned.

IN the context of reviewing the explosive Middle East problems the issue of Arab solidarity

shows that the voice of the Arabs shall be louder and shall have more weight if there were less gaps in the Arah ranks. There was a detailed discussion on this subject during the Arah summit. held in the Jordanian capital re-

cently. It was a good step. THE Soviet people have genuine and friendly emotions towards the Jordanian people, We gladly note that 25 years have passed since the establishment of Soviet-Jordanian diplomatic relations. During this period a wide range of agreements were signed in the areas of economic, technological, cultural and educational cooperation. All of the accords are being implemented and there is a continuous exchange of views between the two sides on different issues pertaining to the situation in the Middle East. The current Jordanian-Soviet talks in Moscow constitute a step in the same direction.

YOU are going to meet tomorrow with the secretary-general of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, Mikhail Gorhachev. We are confident that these talks will provide a significant incentive for furthering Soviet-Jordanian cooperation and will hring peace closer which has been long awaited hy the nations of the Middle East.

OUR determined and sincere was the search for peace is closely linked with the great task that lies ahead of us to bring about a reconstruction of all aspects of our life. The elimination of the phenomena of dogmatism and the conservative tendencies will leave the door wide open for the Soviet people to develop socialism and demo-

WE express, on behalf of the Soviet people, our most kind feelings towards our dear guests.

I WOULD like to conclude my speech with a toast in honour of the head of the Jordanian state and his wife and for the health of all the Jordanian guests.

exploit the situation for their own A very significant visit

By Yuri Tionkov

Novosti

THERE IS is no doubt that His Majesty King Hussein's visit to Moscow is an important development in the international arena. It follows the achievement of a great step towards deterring the stability and security. danger of a nuclear catastrophe. This step was the signing in Washington of the Soviet-American agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear mis-

King Hussein, on behalf of the Jordanian government and people, has personally congratulated the Soviet leadership on this major step which has paved the way for the elimination of a nuclear

The significance of the King's visit stems from the fact that the main focus of his talks with the Soviet leadership is on the removal of tension and the danger of war from the Middle East and the affects the security of the world as settlement to the conflict.

President Andrei Gromyko has stressed the importance that the visit. In his speech at the Kremlin on Monday. President Gromyko the Soviet Union was not apathetic towards the fate of the people of the Middle Fast which and the Middle Fast which are the med arises.

The exchange of speeches (between King Hussein and President Gromyko) and the Middle Fast which are the med arises. just and honourable peace in the measures if the need arises. of the Middle East, which is close talks in Moscow have indicated to the USSR and, consequently, the prevailing military and political tension in the region cannot to the Middle East and other but affect the Soviel Union and

The attention is now focused on efforts to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East. Even those who until recently were not willing to listen to the idea are now reconsidering the proposal and possibility of convening the confer-

In a reference to the confer- tions and strengthen efforts to ence's task to provide solutions achieve real peace, keeping in addressing all aspects of the view the interests of all parties in Arab-Israeli conflict, including the region.

the Palestinian problem, Mr. Gromyko stated that what should distinguish the functions of the conference should be its ability to guarantee the mutual respect of each party's independence and the right of each country to choose its independent way of development in an atmosphere of

The Soviet Union, in its capacity as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, is determined to work constructively to solve the Middle East conflict through its contacts with the concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Thus Moscow is endorsing a principled position on the Palestinian question while it is also dealing pragmatically with efforts to find a settlement to the

war also remains firm. Moscow helieves that Security Council Resolution 598 remains the sound Gulf, a region whose security and halanced hasis for a just

It would be better, however, if both sides themselves sat at the negotiating table. There would be Soviet leadership attaches to this no reasons then to resort to any other measure to solve the conflict in accordance with the Ununderlined the importance of a ited Nation's Charter even decisive and a daring turn to- though Moscow does not reject wards a collective search for a the possibilities of taking such

identical Jordanian and Soviet stands and views on issues related regions of the world. They also reflect keenness on both sides to further develop Jordanian-Soviet cooperation.

It is no coincidence that the Soviet people, as they welcome King Hussein, express confidence that the visit will foster Soviet-Jordanian relations and contribute to the creation of a new atmosphere in international relaon Israeli actions in occupied territories

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Following is the text of a resolution criticising Israeli actions in the occupied territories that was adopted on Tuesday by the Security Council by 14 votes in favour and none against, with the United States abstaining.

The draft was sponsored by the non-aligned members of the 15-nation council — Argentina. Congo, Ghana, the United Arab Emirates and Zambia.

The Security Council,

HAVING considered the letter dated 11 December 1987 from the permanent representative of Democratic Yemen to the United Nations, in his capacity as chairman of the Arah group for the month of December,

BEARING in mind the inalienable rights of all peoples recognised by the Charter of the United Nations and proclaimed by universal declaration of human pied territories are hound to have

rights, RECALLING its relevant resolutions on the situation in the Palestinian and other Arab territories, occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and including its resolutions 446 (1979), 465 (1980), 497 (1981), and 592 (1986).

RECALLING also the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time

of war. of 12 August 1949, GRAVELY concerned and alarmed by the deteriorating situation in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including

TAKING into account the need to consider measures for the impartial protection of the Palesti-nian civilian population under

Israeli occupation.
CONSIDERING that the current policies and practices of Israel. the occupying power, in the occu-

Middle East. 1. Strongly deplores these policies and practices of Israel, the occupying power, which violate contribute towards the establish-

the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and in particular the open-ing of fire by the Israeli army, resulting in the killing and wounding of defenceless Palesti-nian civilians.

2. Reaffirms that the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war, of 12 August 1949, is applicable to the Palestinian and other Arah territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.

Calls once again upon Israel. the occupying power, to ahide immediately and scrupulously hy sons in time of war, of 12 August under review.

grave consequences for the en-deavours to achieve comprehen-its policies and practices that are sive, just and lasting peace in the in violation of the provisions of the convention,

5. Stresses the urgent need to

reach a just, durable and peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli

6. Requests the secretary general to examine the present situation in the occupied territor ies by all means available to him, and to suhmit a report no later than 20 January 1988 containing his recommendations on ways. and means for ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation.

7. Decides to keep the situation. in the Palestinian and other Arah: the Geneva Convention relative territories occupied hy Israel to the protection of civilian persince 1967, including Jerusalem,

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"PEACE on earth to men of goodwill" is the message of Christmas. This has been so since the first Christmas night about. two thousand years ago. This will continue to be the constant good news for all the years to come. There is a perennial need for peace for all individuals. all societies, all nations, for development, progress and well-being of all mankind, irrespective of cast, creed and colour.

Peace is what makes one's life enduringly bearable; peace is what gives harmony and order in society; peace is what strengthens relations among nations and makes them cooperate in diverse fields of socio-economico-political enterprises. Peace is the basic requirement for sustained development and progress in every

Justice and charity breed goodwill

on common principles. Differ-

ences of views are inevitable

among nations but that does not

mean that they should lead to undermining the goodwill ex-

isting between them. On the con-

trary, differences should help

reinforce it, just as we see a

of nature. In this regard, it was

beartening to witness the Arab

month. A fund of goodwill

brought them all under a summit

umbrella that gave a boost to the

peace process in the Middle East.

They bave tangibly expressed

their goodwill to resolve the

Arab-Israeli conflict through an

international conference under

the auspices of the United Na-

tions. The other party in the

conflict, Israel, should recipro-

cate it with an adequate show of

goodwill. Israel will have peace for all the time to come provided

Israel demonstrates goodwill.

sphere of personal life, in every aspect of national life, and in every field of international approach to global problems.

It is a universal desire of every buman being to possess peace. But it doesn't come easily. It takes tremendous effort to attain peace and then guard it without losing it. Peace can be possessed only by "men of goodwill". We can further paraphrase it and say that peace is assured to only "nations of goodwill." Global peace will be the comulative result of the goodwill of all nations on earth. In other words, whether sought by an individual, or a society, or a nation of diverse people, or a world of diverse nations, peace is based on the bedrock of goodwill.

Individuals need first to achieve peace before a society can enjoy peace. The individuals goodwill towards one another makes it possible for all the members of the society to live in barmony and order; this makes possible the observance of the laws of society which are necessary for the common good of all. This also makes everyone to recognise the rights of everybody else and respect them.

Education, religious discipline etc. would certainly help people to cultivate goodwill towards one another. Lack of goodwill tends to make people behave irrationally towards one another in a society. Lack of it tends to make one selfisb and forgetful of others' rights; lack of it tends to beget envy, rancou, and evil designs, potentially disruptive to the wellbeing of the whole society. In some places, peace is disturbed by a few who take the laws into their own hands. They neither believe in the goodwill of others nor peace with others, but indulge themselves in evil pursuits. Stringent laws, therefore are made to restrict their destructive activities. Fortunately there are few anarchists. They are a liability all the same in a society where peace is the anchor for human development. But peace is the monopoly of the men of goodwill

Peace among nations is also dependent on the goodwill they sbow one another. Lack of it tends nations to suspect the good intentions of one another. Tensions, quarrels, conflicts and wars

ensue based on issues they con-Goodwill on both sides will evensider they cannot comprehend in tually lead to the establishment of the behaviour of one towards peace in the Middle East. How would we show goodwill another. It is goodwill that should

make them avoid the path of and reap its fruit of peace. First of confrontation and seek peaceful all we must realise that in the solutions to outstanding problems family of bumans we are all equals, having equal rights. Justice demands that no-one should try to infringe upon the legitimate rights of others. What is nowadays very much lacking is the readiness to accord respect to the rights of others. Even positively in some places those rights are marvellous unity in the diversity being trampled under foot. The right to live and organise a decent life, the right to have the freedom leaders' summit in Amman last of speech, the right to practise one's religion, the right to basic amenities of life etc. are not always enjoyed by all everywhere. Particularly without religious liberty one can bardly expect harmony and peace among people of diverse persuasions and beliefs. It is very significant to mention that the meeting between Muslims and Christians in Amman during the Third Muslim-Christian Dialogue last month ensured and strengthened the goodwill of one community to the other.

Secondly, we see socio-economic disparities in peoples' life. Some are rich; others are poor; still others are beggars and dispossessed. There are so many suffering and dying of hunger. Yet there are those lavishly living on delicacies and would not even part with the crumbs that fall from their tables to feed a hungry person. There is need to cultivate a greater awareness among people to support the poor and needy and even to share their means with them.

Pope John Paul said to the general assembly of Caritas Internationalis in May: "To build peace we must build communities of justice and charity". In fact this was the theme of the assembly which the Pope wholebeartedly commended. It is true nobody can remain insensitive to the urgent need for peace everywhere. But justice and charity are the sine qua non for displaying our goodwill which ultimately will bloom into universal and authentic peace for which everyone is bankering for. Christmas is a time to reassess our share in realising that snpreme and

Nasser lit firebombs and tyres

In the midst of the columns of

black smoke and tear-gas, a

King David who had somebow

lost his crown, Fadi, Rajai, and

Nasser knew that a new child was

indeed born, and they had just

Merry Christmas everyone.

with the matches.

Randa Habibs Quality control

IN LIGHT of the government policy of encouraging local industry we have witnessed the appearance of tens of small enterprises in Jordan. From various artificial juices, to potato chips, candies, soaps, tissues, and other commodities, the market is full of Jordanian-made goods.

However, the quality is not always what one expects. Is it because of too much local competition that so many factories are introducing gifts and offering low prices as incentives to market their goods. This competition in a relatively small market, is giving a hard time to the small enterprises.

In survive market competition and make profit, most industrial concerns cut down the prices of their products, but only at the expense of quality.

To combat this a committee for consumer quality control should be established. Such a body would closely monitor all the goods in the market and make sure that they are safe for consumers and meet the required standards. Some smaller enterprises might get in difficulty, as they might not be able to cope with a higher standard and with less profit. In that case those small enterprises should merge and become one corporation with a joint capital; stronger in the market and able to face higger competitors.

The experience of the merger of small insurance companies, for example, proved to be a success. The result may be profitable for both the entrepreneurs and the consumers.

Kuwaiti film director stays with Arab roots

By Philip Shehadi Reuter

KUWAJT - Renowned Kuwaiti film director Khaled Siddik is sometimes asked why be has not made a film about the modern Gulf region be lives in, with its

steel and glass towers, freeways and oil wells. "I've always sought out the real roots of the Arabs in their traditional environments, whether Kuwait, Sudan or the silk route

days," be says, referring to his three feature films. Siddik, 42, has set poignant love stories in the oases of Sudan and in the pearling days before

Kuwait's oil boom. In his latest movie, be turns the clock back 600 years to the beight of Arab empire when European adventurers, Arab traders and Indian beauties mingled on Mar-co Polo's silk route to China.

Siddik is a rarity in the Gulf Arab states, where a handful of film makers produce mostly statesponsored documentaries and TV

He has overcome parental tebuke, religious opposition and financial risk to achieve recognition at home and abroad as a leading Arah writer, director and producer of full-length feature

films.
Siddik recalled that when his first film, Bas ya Bahr (The Cruel Sea), came but in 1972, some Kuwaiti parliamentarians called for the negatives to be burned.

The award-winning film is now regarded as a classic, the tragic story of a young Kuwaiti who dies

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on a pearling trip trying to earn the bride price for the girl he

Siddik's passion for the screen started early while he was in school in India, the Third World's leading film maker.

When he returned to Kuwait aged 16, his religious father deemed film-making un-Islamic and insisted he go into the family

"I told him if I joined the family firm it would go bust in a fortnight," Siddik remembers, "But my father resisted (Siddik's film-making) until his last mo-He learned the rudiments of

cinematic technique in the early days of Kuwaiti television and studied in Britain, Italy and the United States. " 'The Cruel Sea' is about the

struggle of people with nature before the discovery of oil," Siddik says, "I thought it was important for the west and a lot of Arab countries to know what Kuwait was like before oil.

Kuwait's mud buts and traditional wedding dances and the long months at sea vanished 50 years ago, but are vividly shown in Siddik's film.

The success of "The Cruel Sea", which won nine international awards, encouraged Siddik in 1975 to set up his own studio in Kuwait, the first private studio in

His next film was adapted from Sudanese writer Al Tayeb Saleh's novel, Urs Az-Zain (The Wedding of Zain).

And the child is born a million times

By Najwa Najjar

IT ALL began in a little town called Nazareth when three boys heard about the miraculous birth of a child. Rumour had it that the child was born under strange circumstances. He had been in the womb for anywhere between ten and 20 years. Until the mother gave birth, she had thought that the child was additional weight she bad put on over the years. The mother did not see her child after be was born, hut ber dying words were that the "king of kings" had taken birth.

All this talk greatly disturbed King David who bad called himself the "king of kings". A scrany little man who lived in a buge plastic hubble furnished with all the huxuries of the West, the king had built a reputation larger than himself.

He assigned his advisors to bring him hourly updates on the child. But the news on the child's sensational actions infuriated King David. The proverbial straw that really broke the camel's back came when one of his advisors said the child appeared to be truly "the king of kings."

The veins in King David's neck swelled and his eyeballs nearly fell of their socket. Before the advisors could scamper out of the room, King David bellowed that this child must be brought to him, dead or alive, by the end of the

The day was Christmas eve, the same day the three boys from

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RESTAURANT

The three — Fadi, Rajai and Nasser - set out through the streets of Nazareth to buy the child presents before catching the Nazareth-Tel Aviv-Gaza bus line.

They entered a small shop. Christmas carols filled the air. The boys were warmly greeted by a small woman garbed in black and a colourful beadscraf.

Umm Saed, who knew the boys for all their 14 years, listened patiently as Fadi, Rajai and Nasser told her of their plans to visit the new child in Gaza. They then asked ber advise on what presents to take, as they bad great respect for her and ber wisdom.

Umm Saed calmly glanced over her shoulder and then whispered in low bushed tones: "A slingsbot, a bag of onions and matches.'

Though surprised at ber suggestion, the boys bought the presents, bade ber goodbye and headed towards the bus station.

The Nazareth-Tel Aviv bus promptly left at noon. A quick glance told the boys that there were only a few Arabs on board. However, no one spoke in Arabic or rather no Arab spoke at all. The bour-and-a-balf trip was dominated by talk in Hebrew on the new born child and King David's plan to eliminate him.

The child was varyingly described as a "monster", "a walking terror," and "a Soviet conspiracy." Several suggestions were aired by men, women and children to "kill all the filthy children of Gaza,"or "tbrow

bappy to hear the child was continuing his exploits.

been reported in Balata camp near Nablus. Ten youngsters armed with stones bave been shot by soldiers. The soldiers were unable to locate the child in Nabius.

Everytime the child was reported in different places - Jalazone camp, Khan Younis, Rafah, Hebron, Ramallah, Askar, Qalqiliya, Jerusalem — but the boys somehow bad a feeling they could meet the child when they reached

A few kilometres from Tel Aviv the bus passed bundreds of people carrying coffins and chanting slogans protesting the deaths

A sad smile replaced the sullen look in the boys' eyes. It stayed until they reached Tel Aviv and

elderly woman. "I've beard that the child is not The news said: "Unrest has only beautiful, but also intelligent... be has a photographic

> cepts without much explanation," added another. "There's talk that no bullet can kill him," was the excited comment of a youth.

"The minute they have him cornered, be flies to another place," added his companion. "He even gives the poor their daily bread," shouted a voice

from the front rows. "I wonder if he was born in Jabiliya camp. There are reports that the child was seen at Deir Al Balah and Dheisbeb camps, in Jerusalem and even in the Galilee," said a breatbless woman who was just in time to

catch the bus. "I bet be's as dark as night," asserted an old bedouin.

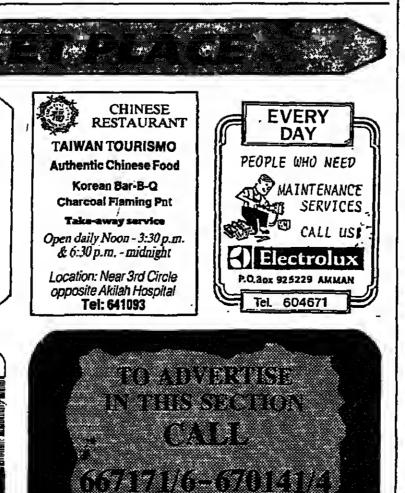
blessings in return, they set off towards the camp. As they neared the rundown dwellings with glassless windows and rotdoors they stood aside in silence to make way for a funeral procession. Not a sound could be heard from the young and old that walked past. Young children looked at the boys with their adult eyes while the young men carrying bodies wrapped in red, green, white and black cloth on their shoulders stared right through them with tears glisten-

ing in their eyes.

The three boys decided to fol-.low the procession. Soon they found themselves in front of Shiffa Hospital. But they were taken aback to see King David himself, escorted by Goliath carrying a long wooden club and a rifle.

The boys instinctively knew what to do. Joining the protesters they formed a human barricade. As Goliath drew closer, Fadi took the slingsbot from his backpack and a rock from the ground. When Goliath threw a tear-gas grenade, Rajai passed heads of



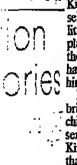




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NBA BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Houston downs Atlanta

'It didn't look too temporary'

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Rockets' no. 1 reason for trading Ralph Sampson was to strengthen a chronically weak backcourt.

On Tuesday night, sleepy Floyd paid the First Dividend on that trade.

Floyd scored 27 points and fellow guard Allen Leavell added 26, leading the Rockets to a 122-103 victory over Atlanta; snapping a four-game losing streak.

The Hawks, who got 20 points from Dominique Wilkins, never led in the game and the loss ended a five-game winning

Leavell, who hit 11 of 14 shots... expected to be replaced in the traded to Houston along with Joe Barry Carroll for Sampson and Steve Harris.

Instead, Fitch used them both. The Floyd-Leavell combo is what they make of it." Fitch said. "It didn't look too temporary

Floyd was nine of 16 from the field and 8-for-8 at the free throw line, giving the guard combo a 67 per cent average from the field.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 118, Philadelphia 115; Cleveland 106, Washington 102: Dallas 111. Chicago 100; Milwaukee 122, New York 105; Denver 119, Phoenix; 104; Sacramento 120, San Antonio 96; and Portland 136, Golden State

Akeem Olajuwon scored 14 points for the Rockets and shared rebound honours with Rodney McCray with 13 each.

But it was Floyd and Leavell who stole the spotlight.

"You're not accustomed to seeing their guards play like Wilkins said. "They were really performing and it carried over to their big men.'

After using 14-3 and 10-0 second-quarter sourts for a 62-48 halftime lead, the Rockets scored the first 10 points of the third quarter and overcame a 15-2 Surge hy Atlanta to hold a 95-76 advantage going into the final

Mavericks III, Bulls 100

Mark Aguirre scored 32 points for Dallas, but ironically none of them came in the fourth quarter when the Mavericks pulled away

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The Mavericks outscored the Bulls 16-4 early in the final period to extend a six-point lead to 101-83 with 6:33 left. The Bulls, who got 28 points from Michael Jordan, got no closer than 11 thereafter.

Derek Harper scored 20 points and James Donaldson had 18 rebounds for the Mavericks, who swept both games of the season series with Chicago.

Celtics 118, Uyers 115 Boston, which lost hy 31 points starting lineup by Floyd, who was in its last game at Phildelphia, rallied down the stretch to heat the 76ers at the spectrum for the first time in two years.

Larry Bird scored nine of his 31 points in the final five minutes for the Celtics. who trailed 110-109 with 1:33 to play when Bird tossed in a 3-pointer to put Boston ahead to stay.

Charles Barkley, who led all scorers with 40 points, had a chance to tie with 31 seconds remaining, hut missed the second of two free throws to make it 112-111. Dennis Johnson scored 20 points for Boston, while Cliff Robinson had 26 for the 76ers. Nuggets 119, Suns 104

Denver stayed a half-game ahead of Dallas in the Midwest Divisioo as Alex English scored 16 of his 26 points in the first quarter against Phoeoix,

The Nuggets got 24 points and 10 rebounds from Danny Schayes and 20 points from Lafayette Lever while extending their homecourt record to 10-1.

English's early burst helped give the Nuggets an 18-5 edge. and they went on to shoot 59 per cent from the floor in the first period en route to a 39-25 advan-

James Edwards led the Suns with 23 points and 18 rebounds and Larry Nance added 21 points, hut Phoenix never got any closer than 12 points in the second half. Bucks 122, Knicks 105

Milwaukee outscored New York 38-20 and shot 70 per cent to break open a close game.

John Lucas had a season-high 25 points and 11 assists, while Randy Breuer added 24 points and 10 rebound the Bucks.

Breuer scored points in the third quarter as the Bucks in-



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Swiss resume their skiing blitz

creased a 56-55 balftime lead to 94-75. They went on to lead hy as many as 23 points in the fourth

period. Patrick Ewing, who scored 10 points in the first quarter for the Knicks, was held to just six the rest of the way. Bill Cartwright also scored 16 for New York. Cavaliers 106, Bullets 102

Mark Price scored 22 points. including a running ooe-hander with two seconds left that broke a 102-102 tie with Washington.

The Cavaliers, who are 8-4 in December after a 3-8 start. trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half and were still behind 82-78 going into the fourtb quarter.

Rookie Kevin Johnson, who was 5-for-5 from hoth the field and the foul line for a season-high 15 points, sparked a comeback that saw Cleveland go ahead 89-85 before Washington rallied to take a 101-97 lead with 1:11

The Bullets were led by Jeff Malone's 27 points and Moses Malone's 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 136, Warriors: 91 Portland won its fifth straight and handed Golden State its fifth consecutive loss and 11th straight road loss as Steve Johnson scored 27 points, 13 of them. in the tbird period when the Trail Blazers huilt a 50-point lead.

Portland shot 61 per cent from the field in the first half and outscored the Warriors 39-20 in the second period for a 75-45 halftime margin. The Trail Blazers then outscored Golden State 38-18 in the third period for a

113-63 advantage, Jerome Kersey had 21 points for Portland, while Steve Harris led the Warriors with 21. Newly acquired Ralph Sampson was 5for-19 from the field and scored 11 points.

Kings 120, Spurs 96 Sacramento won for only the second time in 12 games as Mike McGee scored a season-high 30 points and established a franchise record with five 3-point goals against San Antonio.

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Pirmin Zurhriggen and Brigitte Oertli led 1-2-3 sweeps by Swiss skiers Tuesday in men's and women's World Cup parallel sialoms.

Zurbriggen, the defending World Cup overall champion, won the men's event hy defeating teammate Joel Gaspoz in the two-heat head-to-head final. Another Swiss Martin Hangl, beat Austrian Roland Pfeifer for third place.

Italy's Alberto Tomba, who won five of the first six World Cup races, was eliminated in the quarterfinals bere by Pfeifer after straining a back muscle.

Oertli beat Corinne Schmidhauser in the all-Swiss women's fioal, while teammate and Olympic downhill champion Michela Figini outpaced West German Christa Kinshofer for

little reason for Christmas cheer

as the West German soccer sea-

son enters its two-month mid-

West German oational team

chief Beckeohauer and Bayern

manager Hoeness are not only

concerned about the disappoint-

ing results of their sides, they

have also become involved in a

pesonal row which does little

good for the image of the sport.

Beckenbauer was not amused

by Hoeness's jihe that the oation-

al team's South American tour

this month was "a mind-boggling

exercise" at a time when players

were tired from a strenuous au-

He responded by talking of the

Munich puppet show," a remark

Hoeness cornered "kaiser

franz" at the weekend when

Beckenbauer went to watch his

son play for Bayern amateurs.

Reports of their conversation

suggest the tone was not exactly

The outhurst of acrimony may

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well have much to do with the

which landed him in hot water

with the ahrasive Hoeness.

tumn programme.

winter break.

third place.
The two races did not count towards individual standings, but added points for nations in World Cup rankings.

Tomba leads the men's standings with 125 points, followed by Zurbriggen with 91 points. Austrians Guenther Mader and Hubert Strolz are third and fourth with 45 and 42 points, respectively.

Zurbriggen reached the finals of the parallel by defeating in quick succession Italy's Carlo Gerosa and his Swiss teammates Hans Pieren and Martin Hangl.

It was Zurbriggen's first victory this season. He finished second in two cup downhills and was shut out by Tomba and Austrian Helmut Mayer in three giant slaloms and three slaloms.

Oertli was a surprise winner deaths in late July and August.

Little cheer for Beckenbauer, Hoeness with the plunging fortunes of the West German and Bayern teams. BONN (R) - Former Bayern Munich team-mates Franz Beckenhauer and Uli Hoeness have

It is hard to say who has the more pressiog problems. Beckenbauer, facing the prospect of starting next June's European champiooship as favourites because West Germany are hosts, is suddenly wondering where all the goals bave gone.

His side has failed to win any of their last four games and scored only two goals along the way, hardly the stuff of which champions are made.

Hoeness has been left to consider whether the choice of Borussia Moenchengladhach's Jupp Heyockes to replace Cologne-bound trainer Udo Lattek was the right one.

Last season Lattek's team suffered only one league defeat as they took their third championship in a row. This season they have already lost five and are three points adrift of Werder Bremen, who have a game io hand and the look of champions about them.

Both men have the headache of dealing with a public for which anything less than top spot is an

ahject failure. West Germany have twice won the World Cup and twice the two ex-colleagues' preoccupation

European title and home fans were convinced the nation was well on the way towards another crown when they followed a 2-1 win over reigning European champions France with a brilliant 3-1 trouncing of England in a September frieodly.

against Schmidhauser, considered Switzerland's slalom spe-

Figini, who won a downhill and

a super-G in Leukerbad, Switzer-

land, last week, tops the womeo's

standings with 92 points. Blanca

Fernandez-Ochoa of Spain is

second and Austrian Anita

Wachter third with 75 and 70

Women will resume World

Cup competition with a giant

slalom in Megeve. France, on

Jan. 5, while the next men's event

will be adownhill in Schladming,

For Tuesday's race, the top-

placed skiers decided to give their

prize money to a "solidarity"

fund for this Alpioe valley,

known as the Valtellioa, where

flashfloods and landslides caused

massive destruction and many

points respectively.

Austria, on Dec. 31.

cialist.

Siene then it has been downhill all the way. An extremely lucky 1-0 win over Denmark was followed hy dull draws with Sweden and Hungary and an uninspired South American tour. A lastminute goal to earn a draw with Brazil salvaged a little honour before the first defeat of the year in a 1-0 loss to world champioos Argentina.

"Just hecause we are at home does not mean we are top favourites for the European title," Beckenbauer said but expectations are bigh and he might just as well have whistled in the

One problem which has clearly emerged in recent games is that when Rudi Voeller is absent through injury or commitments with club as Roma, West Germany have no reliable goalscorer.

Another is that no-one appears capable of pulling the strings in midfield.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Arrest warrant issued for soccer boss

BOGOTA (R) - A Colombian magistrate issued an arrest warrant on Tuesday against the president of French First Division soccer club Brest who sneaked out of the country last week Colombia's press agency Colprensa said. Investigating Magistrate Elizabeth Amaya, from Cali. issued the warrant after Brest President François Yvinec jumped bail and fled Colombia aboard a small plane after seven weeks of investigation about alleged fraud in a transfer contract. Yvinec arrived in France last Saturday, together with player Roberto Cabanas from the club America of Cali, and denounced to journalists what he called a "parody of justice" io Colombia. The arrest warrant means that Yvinec is subject to immediate arrest if he sets foot on Colombian soil. It was not immediately clear whether Colombian authorities would issue an international arrest warrant and seek Interpol's aid to have Yvinec arrested in France.

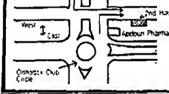
Sabatini voted numero uno

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Teenage tennis star Gahriela Sabatini was declared Argentina's sports personality of the year in a ceremony in Buenos Aires on Mooday night. The 17-year-old Sabarini, ranked sixth in the world, was awarded the Olimpia de Oro gold trophy. Last month, Sabarini scored her second unset victory of the year over Martina Navratilova before falling to world number one Steffi Graf of West Germany in the final of the season-ending championship in New York. She then successfully defended her title in the Argentine Open. The award, decided by a vote of the Buenos Aires Sports Journalists' Association, went last year to soccer superstar Diego Maradona, who led Argentina to victory in the World Cup fioal over West Germany in Mexico.

Athletes warned against using drugs

LONDON (AP) — Britain's top sports authorities called Wednesday for the "stroogest possible actioo" to stop athletes from using anabolic steroids intended for animals. The move by the sports council followed reports that iocreasing numbers of athletes were using animal drugs because they work quicker than human steroids. Health officials warned that injecting animal drugs could lead to "unknown damage" to bumans. Investigators are probing the illegal importation of animal drugs ioto Britaio and believe that Ireland was the main source, with a possible link to the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA). "The strongest possible action needs to be taken to stop this obscene abuse of peoples' bodies by drugs which are even hanned for use by animals under EEC legislation," John Wheatley, director general of the Sports Council, said. "The moves by ministers and MPs to have steroids included in the misuse of drugs act must be supported.

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INDIAN FILM WEEK

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The films will be screened daily beginning at 6.00 p.m. The admission is free except on 26th December, when it is by invitation.

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Saudi Arabia to build pharmaceuticals factory

RIYADH (R) - A Saudi Ara- tablet, ointment and liquid form. bian firm signed a contract on Tuesday to build one of the largest pharmaceutical plants in the Middle East, designed to meet 40 per cent of Saudi de-

The Saudi Company for Pharmacenticals Industries signed a 197 million riyal (\$55 million) contract with a West German-Saudi joint venture, Hochtief and Tamimi and Fouad, to huild the plant in the Qassim region north of Riyadh, a statement said.

Company chairman, Sheikh Saleh Al Umair, told reporters the plant would produce 90 different types of drugs in capsule,

Construction will take 20 months.

The company is 60 per cent owned by the Saudi public through some 70,000 shareholders, 25 per cent by the Arab Company for Drug Industries, a pan-Arab group, six per cent by founders and nine per cent by the National Industries Corporation.

Future plans include plants to make medical equipment, X-Ray film and veterinary medicines.

The pharmaceuticals project will be financed from capital of 300 million rivals (\$80 million), Sheikh Umair said. Saudi Arabia now produces only liquid medi-

Copper price hits new high

LONDON (R) — Copper fetched a record price on Wednesday Pr as traders and merchants sought supplies to cover themselves against likely shortages early in

The cash price on the London Metal Exchange (LME), on which most long-term supply contracts are based, reached £1,700 (\$3,000) a tonne on Wednesday nearly double the price at the start of 1987.

Speculative and trade demand is boosting the market and this will continue until supply and demand return to balance, Mr. Daniel Schultz, senior economist at Drexel, Burnham and Lambert Mr. Schultz said.

Prices have been boosted by a fall in London and New York official warehouse stocks, which the trade regards as a barometer of free-market copper availa-

LME copper stocks were 42.875 tonnes at the end of last week, their lowest since 1974.

The latest world economic outlook from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which saw slower economic expansion, did not imply a particularly favourable outlook for copper demand,

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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LONDON (R) — Shares resumed their upward move in very thin

A firmer dollar and an early gain of over 20 points on Wall

Street helped huoy the market but traders were at pains to point

out that volume was low ahead of the Christmas holiday period

Stocks had also been hurt this morning by news that the U.K. government would use its "golden share" to stop B.P. from controlling the hoard of Britoil. At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100

index stood just below its day's high, 19 points higher at 1,766.4.

The U.K. treasury said that if a formal offer is made for Britoil

or if anyone control of over 50 per cent of its shares then the

special share still allows the government to outvote all other

Britoil shares fell back from a high of 440p after the treasury

statement to stand 15p higher at 427, but were still second on the

most active list with over 19 million changing hands.

THE Daily Crossword by Bernice Gordon

and that little could be read into Wednesday's rise.

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told Reuters. LONDON STOCK MARKET

Third World markets. Paris had a virtual on grain sales to Tunisia, a former colony, until about three years ago when the United States launched a campaign to export

Tunisia's wheat imports are now about evenly split between France and the United States.

clined to be identified.

Dutch flower exports soar

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch flower exports in 1987 hit record levels but a sharply lower dollar and falling oil prices depressed sales to the United States and the Middle East, an industry official said on Tuesday.

Flower sales from the Netherlands, the world's biggest exporter, would total more than four billion guilders (\$2.2 billion) for the first time in 1987, Mr. Henk Rijken of the Dutch flower wholesale organisation said.

"The most popular flowers are roses, tulips, carnations, and chrysanthemums, Mr. Rijken iold Reuters on Tuesday.

Dutch flower gardens use a sophisticated transport and aucuon system which bas a bouquet of roses 10 New York less than a day after the flowers are cut in the Netherlands.

Mr. Rijken said sales to the United States, the fifth most important foreign market for Dutch flowers, fell 16 per cent this year because of the lower dollar.

"We had a lot of tulips on offer in spring and the dollar hit usually strong demand for tulips in the U.S., so prices went down here," he said. But as Chrisimas approached, prices rose as usual, he added

Flower sales to Gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain fell by 20 to 40 per cent this year because falling oil prices hurt demand there, he said.

More than 40 per cent of Dutch flower exports went to West Germany. Other leading markets were Britain, Italy and France.

U.S. wheat sales to Tunis angers France

PARIS (R) - France reacted angrily to news the United States sold 225,000 tonnes of wheat to Tunisia under a special programme aimed at boosting U.S. farm

This is not normal. France offered prices between \$8 and \$10 lower than the U.S.," a senior French finance ministry official

France and the United States have in recent years often clashed over exports to Morocco, Algeria and Egypt as U.S. wheat producers bave sought to carve out new

grain to North Africa and the Mediterranean.

"Cereals account for two third of France's food exports to Tunisia. They are a very sensitive issue in our bilateral trade," said the ministry official, who de-

Gulf oil states cut output

discounts in the face of falling world prices, industry sources

Oil industry executives in the region said Abu Dhabi and Kuwaii — two of the biggest quota violators in past months are now thought to be trimming

But oil markets still lack confidence in the will of Gulf producers to impose quota discipline to defend the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPECs') \$18 a barrel benchmark.

"Gulf countries have a long way to go before the market develops confidence in them as far as output discipline goes," one industry executive said.

"Everybody expects them to sell at spot market levels," he added, referring to prices not controlled by OPEC where crude oil is now trading up to \$3 per barrel cheaper.

Overproduction by Gulf oil states, which produced 67 per cent of OPEC's estimated 18.3 million barrels per day (b/d) in November, has been a major factor depressing prices.
Some Gulf OPEC members

like Iran, thirsty for cash to buy arms for its seven-year-old war with Iraq, were offering discounts from official prices even before OPEC's meeting last week in Vienna which kept the official price unchanged.

Now pressure to grant discounts appears to be increasing. Japanese oil companies are expected to ask Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) soon to buy oil at "market related prices," a Japanese oil trader in the Gulf said.

OPEC's biggest producer Saudi Arabia, which worked out the current quota deal with Iran a year ago, has stuck to its limit of 1.343 million b/d but also under pressure from buyers.

The four U.S. oil companies that make up Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco), which

BAHRAIN (R) - Gulf oil states operates the kingdom's oil fields have started cutting production to and buys around 1.3 million b/d comply with OPEC quotas but of its oil, are now asking for a they face intense pressure to offer discount, a senior oil executive said.

"The four U.S. companies told the Saudis they are not running a charity and they would not buy oil at official prices if the market price does not recover," the executive said.

The GCC, which groups OPEC members Saudi Arahia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as well as nonmembers Bahrain and Oman, is expected to devote part of its meeting to the problems posed by weak prices. Oil industry executives said fu-

ture output cuts centre on Abu Dhabi, the biggest producer in the seven-emirate UAE, which is about to throttle back by 400,000 b/d in January from current levels of 1.3 million.

The UAE's total OPEC quota is 948,000 so even a cut by Abu Dhabi would leave the state above its limit when crude from the other major emirate producer Dubai is taken into account.

The Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said on Tuesday that Kuwait would also cut production in January. It is estimated to be pumping around 1.4 million b/d compared with its quota of 996,000 b/d.

MEES said Iraq, left out of OPEC's quota system after it decided not to abide by its allocation of 1.54 million b/d, is also considering a cut in its 2.83 million output.

Norway pledges support to OPEC until mid-88

Meanwhile, Norway will continue to support OPÉC's efforts 10 bring stability to the international oil market, Norway's minister of oil and energy, Mr. Ame Oien, told OPECNA.

He said that Norway's support would continue for the first six months of next year in conformity with the recent OPEC agreement to keep the official reference price for its oil at \$18 a barrel and overall production at 15.06 million b/d for this period.

S. Arabia becomes largest M.E. market for Austrian goods

VIENNA (OPECNA) — From January to September this year, the value of trade between the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Austria reached more than \$187 million. Austrian exports to the region amounted to \$146.82 million against

imports of \$40.40 million. Saudi Arabia was the largest market for Austrian goods totalling \$86.5 million, followed by Kuwait (\$27 million) and the United Arab

Emirates (\$23 million). The Austrian Federal Economics Chamber will stage exhibitions in five GCC states during the first half of 1988 as part of a drive to promote trade.

According to Dr. Peter Singer of the chamber, as quoted by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), the exhibitions will take place as follows: Saudi Arabia (February 1988): Industrial goods, the United Arah Emirates (March): Industrial and agricultural machinery, medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, Oman (March): Textiles and clothing, Kuwait (April): Industrial goods and construction materials, and Bahrain (April): Chemicals and oil industry supplies. Austrian companies bave installed water treatment plants in

Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Talks are in progress with Bahrain on the sale of a steam-type electricity plant.

G-7 calls for steady dollar but markets respond slowly

LONDON (R) — Leading industrial countries have made a long-awaited joint call for a steadier dollar, but currency and share dealers said on Wednesday it may have come too late and offered too little to have much impact.

The dollar firmed, gold was radio interview: "International steady and shares were mixed. cooperation is very much alive London stocks edged higher while Tokyo, the world's biggest market, slipped back slightly.

Dealers had hoped the Goup of Seven (G-7) industrial nations the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada - would act to buoy financial markets, still jittery after the global stock markets crash in mid-October and after seeing the dollar hit historic lows lasi

"A further decline of the dollar, or a rise in the dollar to an extent that becomes destabilising to the adjustment process, could be counterproductive by damaging growth prospects in the world economy," the G-7 said in a joint

statement on Tuesday. In an annexe to the statement spelling out what G-7 nations would do. finance ministers pledged only to steer steady courses. The lack of new policies disappointed dealers.

"Of course, the G-7 officials do not want currency instability. But they still have to take action to bring about their aims," said Mr. Joachim Zimmermann, chief dealer at Berliner Bank. "The market will certainly try to test just how serious the G-7 officials are about currency stability in the new year.'

In early trading on Wednesday.

the dollar rose just over 1.5 pfennigs and two-thirds of a yen to touch highs of 1.6445 Deutschemarks and 127.15 yen. It then edged back to trade below 1.64 marks and 127 yen. Gold was fixed in London on Wednesday morning at \$483.25 an ounce, the same as Tuesday's close.

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson and West Germany's finance and economics ministers, Mr. Gerhard Stoltenberg and Mr. Martin Bangemann, said in separate remarks on Wednesday morning that the dollar is at present under-valued.

and well. Whether or not (the dollarl will fall further or not l don't know. I think that there is a common will, and I think that will include the United States, to try and (ensure) that it doesn't."

In Tokyo, Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said G-7 would try hard to stop the dollar sliding further. "We could expect greater (central bank) market intervention," he added.

Bul. said Mr. Tsunehiro Nakayama, senior manager at the Industrial Bank of Japan: There's still a lack of concrete expression by the U.S. of support for the dollar."

"Under free market conditions, the dollar price is ultimately determined by supply and demand. G-7 statements can only have a temporary effect as long as the supply of dollars exceeds demand, said Mr. Bob Bauer, senior dealer at Commerzbank A.G. in Frankfurt, He thinks the

dollar could fall to 1,60 marks. That sort of fear, said stockbrokers in Europe and Japan, kept a lid on share prices. A weak dollar cuts export sales of European and Asian firms by pricing their goods off the U.S.

and giving their American competitors an edge elsewhere. Tokyo's Nikkei 225-sbare index slipped 47.17 points to 22,693.85. London edged higher. with the benchmark FTSE 100share index up 13.1 points to a morning high of 1,760.5, before

easing slightly. Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opened 0.19 points lower at 281.76 and Paris shares

"A G-7 declaration was all we wanted during the stormy days of October and November. We were disappointed when it failed to come. Now it's here too late and we don't care very much." said a Paris share dealer.

Zurich and Sweden. Milan's MIB share index rose 0.7 per cent.

"I don't think this is an accord. it's just a Christmas message. You plea for peace and love at Christmas but the violence is resumed after Boxing Day. It's a pity, but this is just another one of those." said Mr. Leo Kranenburg, an economist at Nederlandse Credietbank, in Amsterdam.

"When you come out with communiques like this, you need to talk about concrete measures and not just make statements of intent," said Mr. Daniel Witschi, an economist at Swiss Bank

In the annexe to the G-7 statement, Japan promised it "will steadfastly continue implementing the six-trillion-yenplus (\$47 billion) package deided on last May.

West Germany said its monetary growth would "continue to maintain appropriate conditions for sustained non-inflationary economic growth."

The United States noted that it would cut its budget deficit by \$76 billion over two vears - President Reagan signed budget-cutting bills to that effect into law on Tuesday. The United States also said it would resist protectionist pressure.

It was all similar to February's Louvre accord, dealers said. In that paci, Japan and West Germany agreed to boost their economies and the U.S. 10 cut its twin budget and trade deficits --the policies the G-7 statement says they will condaue.

But many dealers were not impressed with their efforts, especially after the U.S. trade deficit for October, announced earlier this month, hit a record \$17.63 billion.

This autumn, a series of bad U.S. trade figures pushed the dollar far below its Louvre accord floors of ahout 1.75 to 1.80 Deutschemarks and 135 to 140 yen. Share prices crashed. The dollar tumbled to record

lows after the record October figure was reported, on Dec. 10. ollar is at present under-valued. Shares were steady in Amster- It eventually fell as low as 1.6140 Mr. Lawson added in a British dam, where the CBS All Share marks and 125.42 yen on Dec. 18. It eventually fell as low as 1.6140

Istanbul signs for French gas network

ISTANBUL (R) — Istanbul Mayor Bedrettin Dalan signed a \$452 million contract with a French company on Wednesday for construction of a network of pipes to distribute Soviet natural gas in Turkey's commercial

Mr. Dalan said France's Societe Auxiliare d'Entreprises (SAE) won the project in association with Turkey's Alarako due to strong French government backing for the project.

The 2,091-kilometre network

will supply 450,000 Istanbul homes and businesses within three years, using Soviet natural gas from a pipeline that opened in

Istanbul municipality's lgdas will manage the project, advised by Sofregaz, an affiliate of Gaz De France. The mayor said be hoped the

switch to natural gas would help to reduce pollution from domestic burning of high-sulphur lignite

Ankara, also plagued by pol-

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luting smog, signed a contract three weeks ago with a British-led consortium for a \$130 million pipe network to distribute Soviet natural gas.

"The natural gas project is not just an industrial project but is also an important step to protect the environment," Mayor Dalan said at the signing ceremony in

Frencb Foreign Trade Minister Michel Noir said it was the biggest French project in Turkey.

By Harris

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Gunmen kill Sri Lankan ruling party chairman

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sinhalese extremists shot and killed the chairman of President Junius Jayewardene's United National Party (UNP) and three other people Wednesday, authorities said.

an intersection and escaped on a stolen bicycle, army Col. Vijaya Wimalaratna said.

The killings came three days after Mr. Jayewardene vowed to wipe out Sinhalese extremists who have been assassinating his supporters.

United National Party Chairman Harsha Abeywardene, his driver, a bodyguard and another aide were killed when at least 21 bullets were fired at their Korean-made car. a police detective said, speaking on condition of

The government has blamed the People's Liberation Front (PLF), composed of ultranationalist Sinhalese, for the deaths of about 150 policemen, government officials and United National Party members in the past five months.

Col. Wimalaratna, military coordinating officer in Colombo, said the two attackers pedaled up

NOVA IGUACU, Brazil (AP)

- A commuter train carrying

workers from Rio De Janeiro to

slum suburbs collided head-on

Tuesday night with an empty

train, killing two people and in-

Fifteen of the injured were in

critical condition after the rush-

hour collision about 64

kilometres north of downtown

Rio, a railroad spokesman said.

track, as the southbound line was

being repaired," railroad spokes-man Helio Barros said, "There

must have been a signal failure,

because both trains advanced at

The passenger train carrying some 1,600 commuters smashed

the same time."

Both trains were on the same

juring 77, authorities said.

The two assassins ambushed the to a bicycle repair shop near the victims' car with a machine gun at intersection and asked to have a new tube put in the bike's front

> While they waited for the repair job, they stood at a nearby intersection with a Chinese-made T56 submachinegun concealed inside eight wooden planks tied together with string, the colonel

> A police officer quoted witnesses as saying that while the two men were waiting, two other men rode by on a motorcycle and apparently told the ambushers that Mr. Abeywardene's car was

> When Mr. Abeywardene's car approached the intersection and had to slow down for heavy midmorning traffic, the ambushers pulled out the machinegun and opened fire.

The car's rear window and side windows were shattered, and there were bullet holes in the front windshield. The inside of the car was covered in blood.

ter vehicle at a speed of 60 kph (37 mph), Mr. Barros said.

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lives in front of the tracks, said

she heard "an enormous noise, a

"I close and open my eyes and

Elsa Pinhero de Souza, who

to break a window to escape."

Nova Iguacu.

The first two cars of both trains

The accident occured about

"It was terrifying," said pas-

Mr. Abeywardene, 43, was elected to his third term as party chairman earlier this month. He was first elected chairman in 1984, advancing from the post of

of SDI

TAMPA, Florida (AP) - The

Soviet Union may have harnessed

an exotic and powerful explosive

process for its own version of a

"Star Wars" missile-defence sys-

tem, an intelligence source famil-iar with Soviet military systems

A fuel air explosion (FAE).

which can be as powerful as a

small atomic bomb, is achieved

by spreading a fine mist of fuel

and igniting it. The Soviets plan

to use FAEs to intercept U.S. missiles in flight, the source told

the Tampa Tribune for Tuesday

The United States also has

been experimenting to see if

FAEs can be used to counter

incoming missiles and to discri-

minate between dummy and nuc-

lear warheads, said a scientist

working on the American prog-

Intelligence officers told ex-

perts on the Strategic Defence

Initiative (SDI), or Star Wars,

earlier this month that the Soviet

Union experimented with FAEs

in space from April 1985 until about three months ago, the in-

telligence source said. The news-

ballistic nuclear missiles, the

Just before Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev visited

Washington earlier this month.

he disclosed that the Soviets have

been working on their own Star

War missile defence and urged

President Ronald Reagan to

either drop his SDI programme

or face a new arms race.

newspaper said.

editions.

party secretary. The People's Liberation Front has vowed to kill anyone who supports the July 29 peace pact Mr. Jayewardene signed with India. The accord was designed to end a 4-year-old guerrilla war by Tamil rebels fighting for a sepa-rate nation for their ethnic

Many Sinhalese have accused Mr. Jayewardene, himself a Sinhalese, of making too many concessions to the Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

On Sunday, Mr. Jayewardene said members of the front must be killed to end their wave of

"Can we allow terrorists to kill political supporters and officials to this government? We cannot do that. We will have to kill these terrorists," the president told members of his United National Party at a meeting in Hambantota, a southern coast city in the Sinhalese beartland.

paper said it was not certain when U.S. intelligence discovered the Soviet FAE tests. 2 killed, 77 hurt in Brazil train collision screaming, breaking windows to escape. All of them were bleed-During a Dec. 3 meeting at Patrick Air Force Base near Cape ing," she said. Canaveral, the intelligence officers said the Soviet FAE defence "It was horrible," said another

is designed to intercept U.S. witness. "I couldn't believe what rockets before they deploy their nuclear warheads, the source told was bappening. When I realised the trains would collide, I closed my eyes and prayed. When 1 the newspaper. Such a system would be the first comprehensive defence in opened them people were screaming, breaking windows and the world against intercontinental

According to police at the scene, the two dead, an elderly man and woman, were cut from the remains of the first commuter

Rescue crews spent two hours removing bleeding passengers from the twisted metal of the train and tracks, using heavy metal cutters and electric saws.

Irish Protestant leader **Soviets** killed by IRA car bomb may have own version

BELFAST. Northern Ireland (AP) — An Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb killed John McMichael, a leading Protestant Mr. McMichael was second in paramilitary leader, when he started up his car outside his home, police said.

The killing prompted fears there could be an upsurge in violence, with Protestant reprisals, over the usually quiet Christmas period.

Police said the car blew up as Mr. McMichael, 39, turned on the ignition after leaving his home in Lisburn, 13 kilometres south west of Belfast, on Tuesday

reports quoted neighbours as saying his bodyguard also was killed by the bomb.

and principal voice.

Seoul president-elect wants formal relations with China TOKYO (AP) - Establishing 16 years. He is scheduled to

diplomatic ties with China after nearly four decades of enmity will be a top priority of South Korea's next government, South Korean President-Elect Roh Tae-Woo said in an interview published in a

Japanese newspaper Wednesday.
"Exchanges with the People's
Republic of China in the nonpolitical sector have been under way, including economic, sports and cultural exchanges. With the (1988 Seoul) Olympics as an impetus, we will make greater effort to elevate the level of the exchanges," the nationally circulated Asahi Shimbun quoted Mr. Roh as saying in an exclusive interview in Seoul Tuesday.

Mr. Roh, a retired army general, last week won South Korea's first direct presidential election in

succeed outgoing President Chun Doo-Hwan in February.

Mr. McMichael was second in

command of the militant Ulster

Defence Association (UDA), the

province's largest paramilitary

Protestant organisation. Its com-

mander, Andy Tyrie, described him as the UDA's policy maker

Police said Mr. McMichael was

the only person in the car. Earlier

"For closer relations between peoples and nations, direct dialogue helps deepen friendship," Mr. Roh told the newspaper. "South Koreans living in China have recently come to our country and there are signs of improved relations between China and Taiwan," he said.

"Those factors will help improve relations between China and South Korea. More dialogue and more exchanges will lead to a spontaneous development of diplomatic ties." Mr. Roh said. China fought along with Com-

munist North Korea against South Korea and the U.S.-led United Nations Command during

2 associates indicted for trying to influence Meese

NEW YORK (AP) - The indictments of three people, including two former associates of U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III, do not signal an end to the federal inquiry into Mr. Meese and the Wedtech Corp., investi-

'We don't know where the end is going to be. We don't know where it is yet," said Thomas L. Sbeeter, head of the FBI's New

Federal proseuctor Rudolph Giuliani announced Tuesday that a Federal Grand Jury bad charged Mr. Meese's long-time doing.

friend and former Attorney, E. Robert Wallach, and Meese's former financial manager, W. Franklyn Chinn, with racketeering and conspiracy to break rack-eteering laws. Both are from San

R. Kent London, of Honolulu, an associate of Wallach and Chinn, also was indicted on racketeering charges.

The indictment charged the three sought to illegally influence Mr. Meese, the nation's top law enforcer. But the attorney general was not accused of wrong-

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Goethe Institute to run disco

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) - West Germany's Goethe Institute is planning to operate an "artists' discotheque," to entertain those attending the Seoul Summer Olympic Games next year, officials have said. Ground-breaking ceremonies for a 1,000 person facility is to take place in Seoul the end of February, Goethe Institute spokesman Kajo Niggestich said. In an interview with the Associated Press, Niggestich said teams of young West German performers will be selected to offer a non-stop, threeweek long programme at the discotheque. According to the spokesman, the disco will not only feature music and dancing, but will also include fashion shows and other entertainment. "Architecture, video and lighting will also play an important role in the project," said Niggestich. The Goethe Institute, working with the West German Foreign Ministry, is involved in numerous projects promoting West Germany's image in foreign countries. Cost for the entire project is estimated at between 3 million marks and 4 million marks (\$1.8 million to \$2.4 million), Niggestich said.

Over one-fifth of S. Koreans called Kim

SEOUL. South Korea (AP) - More than a fifth of South Koreans have Kim as their family name, and one-fourth bear the surnames Lee or Park, according to a government survey released Wednesday. The survey by the Economic Planning Board said 21.7 per cent of the nation's population of 41 million go by the name Kim, 14.8 per cent are named Lee and 8.5 per cent are Park. It said the other most common names in the nation are Choi, Chung, Kang, Cho, Yun, Chang and Lim. The survey said people with the 10 most common names make up 64.5 per cent of the population, or 26 million people as of Nov. 1, 1985.

Couple cleared of offensive behaviour

DARWIN (R) — Two Australians convicted of offensive behaviour after an off-duty policeman walking his dog watched them having sex on their bedroom floor were exonerated. The Northern Territory supreme court ruled the behaviour of Iris Wurramura, 29, and Steven Pregelj, 19, did not constitute a punishable act unless they had meant to be seen. Justice Phillip Rice said law was not intended to stop sexual intercourse, even it could be viewed from a street or public thoroughfare. The couple had appealed against a six-month good behaviour bond imposed in Darwin magistrates court in January after a complaint by policeman Anthony Dyer, a neighbour.

Jewels found in tax raids on maharishi

NEW DELHI (R) — Tax raids on four offices of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in and around Delhi netted unaccounted Indian and foreign currency totalling about \$30,000 and jewellery worth the same amount, a Finance Ministry source said on Wednesday. The source, quoted by the Press Trust of India, said Tuesday's raids, carried out by 40 tax inspectors escorted by armed police, also turned up incriminating documents. He gave no details. A senior Finance Ministry official said the Directorate of Foreign Exchange Seizures had been informed with a view to possible further action. Although the maharishi's headquarters are in Switzerland, as an Indian citizen he is governed by the strict foreign exchange regulation act which controls the import and export of wealth. Maharishi, 77, best remembered in the West as the guru who instructed the Beatles in the 1960s, was ordered by a U.S. court earlier this year to pay \$138,000 damages to a devotee who had spent 11 years learning his brand of transcendental meditation before denouncing him as a fraud.

into the empty eight-car commu- could not believe it. People were Zimbabwe unity agreement opens way for 1-party rule

Bangladesh strike continues

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DHAKA (R) — President Hos-sain Mohammad Ershad has Ershad on Nov. 10.

moved closer to the creation of a one-party Marxist-Leninist state when its two major political parties signed a unity accord.

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, leader of the ruling ZANU-PF Party (Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front), and the President of ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union), Joshua Nkomo, sealed the pact after two years of negotiations marked by deeprooted mutual suspicion. Progress in the talks, which in 1980.

asked Bangladeshis to choose between terrorism and peace, as

strikes aimed at forcing his res-

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The opposition-led strikes shut

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time since 21 opposition parties

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impeded by ZANU-PF accusations that ZAPU was behind a rebel insurgency in the south western province of Matabeleland, where Mr. Nkomo draws his main support from the minority Ndebele tribe. ZAPU said the charges were groundless.

Under Tuesday's agreement, the two parties have agreed to commit themselves to establishing a one-party socialist state, Mr. Mugabe's declared goal since assuming power on independence Ershad calls for peace as

Police said that about 50 peo-

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score both the jack and king, and

West ruffed the fourth spade with the jack. When he exited with the

king of diamonds, declarer was

locked in dummy. The only way he

could come to hand to take the

heart finesse was with a trump,

but that stranded him with a dla-

mond loser. The defenders collect-

ed two spade tricks and a ruff, two

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Sihanouk reportedly to hold 2nd meeting with Hun Sen

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) --Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk has told Hun Sen, prime minister of the pro-Vietnamese government in Kampuchea, that he will accept his proposal to resume peace talks next month in France, Vietnamese media reported.

The meeting would put the talks back on track after Sihanouk temporarily cancelled them because his resistance partners were not participating. He changed his mind, and Mr. Hun Sen proposed a second round of

A brief Vietnam News A report seen in Bangkok on Wednesday quoted unspecified "reports from Paris" as saying Sihanouk, in a message released Sunday, "affirmed that he will receive comrade Hun Sen as from Jan. 27, 1988, at the Castle Hindri 4 at Saint-Germaine-En-Laye (France)." Sihanouk heads a three-party

guerrilla coalition battling Vietnamese troops and the government they installed in Phnom Penh after invading Kampuchea nine years ago this month and ousting the Khmer Rouge.

talks on Jan. 27. Gelli to serve 2 months in

being extradited to Italy, where he is accused of involvement in

trimmed schedules. Most shops and offices were shuttered, but hundreds of rickshaw drivers de-

The three-judge court gave him a 16-month suspended prison

of Italy's secret P-2 Masonic Lodge turned himself in to Geneva authorities in September, 1987, after four years on the run.

He is to spend two months in Geneva's Champ-Dollon jail before he is extradited to Italy. Switzerland's highest court, the Federal Tribunal in Lausanne, agreed to the principle of extradi-tion in 1983 — shortly after his escape.

Italy has accused Gelli of involvement in an array of sensational crimes, including the 1980 Bologna Railway Station bombing, which killed 85 people, and the collapse of the Vatican-linked

Geneva jail before extradition GENEVA (R) — Italian finan-cier Licio Gelli is to serve two years.

months in a Geneva jail before crimes including a railway bombing which killed 85 people.

A Geneva criminal court on

Tuesday cleared the way for extradition on the condition that Gelli serves a two-month suspended sentence, handed down in 1983, for entering Switzerland on a false passport the previous

term for bribing a Geneva prison guard to help him escape in August, 1983. It also banned him from Switzerland for 10 years. He pleaded guilty to the bribery charge, which can carry a Banco Ambrosiano in 1982.

The fugitive 68-year-old head

'Vast loopholes' for fraud found in Haiti electoral law

KINGSTON (R) — Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga on Tuesday sharply criticised new voting rules announced in Haiti and urged the military-led government to remove itself from the electoral process.

Mr. Seaga told a news conference the electoral decrees issued by the government of Lt.-Gen. Henri Namphy on Sunday "open vast loopholes for electoral maladministration and fraud."

Mr. Seaga said a five-member group of Caribbean leaders which visited Haiti earlier this month to discuss the Nov. 29 elections, aborted after gunmen killed more than 30 people, had gone "not to embrace the government but to

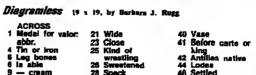
confront the government." "It is quite obvious that the Haitian government did not go the route we advised," Mr. Seago

Earlier, Prime Minister John Compton of St. Lucia, chairman of the 13-nation Caribbean Community (Caricom), urged Haiti's military leaders to postpone new elections set for Jan. 17 and seek outside aid to assure a fair vote.

Mr. Seaga told reporters that although he disagreed with the government's handling of the new elections, the army is still the only institution in Haiti capable of providing effective governmental

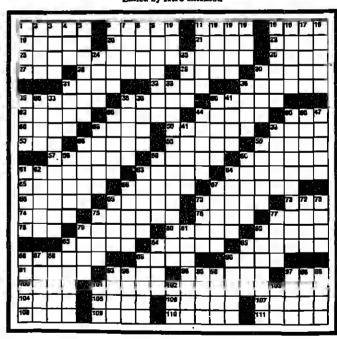
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Last Week's Cryptograms

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2. Former grain farmer decided to grow alfalfa for cow silage instead.

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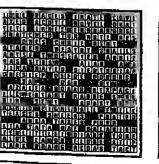
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